

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 15th, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M.
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, convened in a regular session on this 15th, day of July, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

- I. Chairman Wayne Ardoin called the meeting of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
- II. Councilwoman Mildred Thierry led the Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation.
- III. **ROLL CALL:** Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivet, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **ABSENT:** Alvin Stelly.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “At this time I have a request from Ms. Nancy Carriere. She would like for us to amend the agenda.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “To discuss relocating some voting polls.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “To Relocate some voting places in St. Landry Parish. What is the deadline?”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “The deadline is August 3, 2026. It is four precincts. There are 2 in my area and two in Mr. Taylor’s area.”

A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to amend the agenda to add a line item to approve the relocation of four polling locations.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivet, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Alvin Stelly. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of July, 2026.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “Do you have a copy of the polling places that you want to change?”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I don’t have copy but I can tell you.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Would you announce it so we can place it on the agenda.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “It is 14-A and 14-B at Fort Hamilton Fire Station. The request is to be moved to Opelousas Civic Center.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “That will be item No. 7 on our agenda. Thank you Ma’am.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Mr. Taylor needs to give you his precincts.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “I don’t know the precincts. I know that they are both in Palmetto going to North Central.”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “I will find out the numbers but is it two precincts?”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Yes, Mr. Taylor has two.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Yes, in the Palmetto area.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I don’t know the numbers.”

IV. CONDOLENCES:

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere: Joseph Herbert White.

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry: Alana Mayo, Annie Rosette Reed, James P. Fruge Sr., Clifford Earl Viltz, Milton Freeman Sr., Willie Mae Porter, Darryl Young, Verice C. Savoy, Mary ‘TT’ Duriso, Donald Paul ‘The Duck’ Lafleur Sr., Kimberly Arabie Blanchet, Linda Ann Hicks, James C. Bellard, Ann Carol Stacey Broussard, Mitchell Lane Byron, Joseph Herbert White, Mary Jane Jason, Jonathon Kurt Batiste, Francis Marie Leger,

Councilman Ken Marks: Terry Jude Stanford, Lester Joseph Deshotels Jr., Verbal Mae Ellis, Roderick Brent Ardoin, George Christopher Alston, Elizabeth “Betty” Aymond, Lucas Paul Doucet, Verna “T-Mae” Arnaud.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin: Marjorie ‘Margie’ Fa-Kouri, Roderick Brent Ardoin II, Guy Marvin Havard.

Councilman Dexter Brown: Roderick Brent Ardoin, Chad Joseph Gallien Sr., Joseph Herbert White, Darryl Young, Kimberly Arabie Blanchet, Jonathan Kurt Batiste.

Councilman Ernest Blanchard: Virginia Lee ‘Jenny’ Moody.

***Chairman Wayne Ardoin called for a moment of silence for the families that lost their loved ones.**

V. PERSON TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

► **Ms. Angela Deculus addressed the council. She stated,** “Good afternoon. My name is Angela Deculus. I live at 125 Lawtell Elementary Road. I am applying for Lawtell Water District No. 1 Board and I would greatly appreciate it if you all would consider me for the job.”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette questioned, “Thank you for considering but why?”

Ms. Angela Deculus stated, “I am a great team member. If the community have views or questions maybe I can help them to answer those questions and resolve it.”

Councilman Dexter Brown questioned, “Are you a lifelong member of the Lawtell area?”

Ms. Angela Deculus stated, “Yes Mr. Brown I was born and raised there and I am still living there.”

Councilman Dexter Brown questioned, “Do you work in St. Landry Parish at Catalyst Bank?”

Ms. Angela Deculus stated, “I work at Catalyst Bank. I have been there for 19 years.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Thank you for coming. The next person to address the council is Mr. Phil Walls.

► **Mr. Phil Walls, Small Business Administration addressed the council. He stated,** “Good evening Mr. Chairman and Councilmembers. My name is Phil Walls. I am just down the road a little bit in Gretna Louisiana. I am here with the United States Small Business Administration. Pursuant to a Disaster Declaration that was issued after the storms that struck the area last month from Tropical Storm Arthur, after that event the president issued a Disaster Declaration. What that did was made available among other things, Disaster Recovery Assistance from the Small Business Administration in the form of low interest loans. These loans are available to home owners, renters, businesses and nonprofits for the purpose of recovering loss property, loss business inventory and damaged structures in the cases of businesses and nonprofits to help meet their ongoing needs if their revenues are affected by the storms themselves and for the damage that it caused. Briefly, the limits that are available: Renters are eligible to borrow up to \$100,000.00 to replace their possessions including vehicles clothing and the contents of the home that they were occupying at the time it may have been damaged. Homeowners are eligible for that same \$100,000.00 to replace the contents of their home as well as \$500,000.00 to repair any

damage to the home itself or the property. Businesses or nonprofits can borrow up to \$2,000,000.00 to replace structures, inventory, material goods and things like that for a total of \$2,000,000.00 in the case of business and nonprofits. There are two types of loans that are eligible in the case of businesses and nonprofits. Physical Damage as I mentioned and also Economic Damage. If a business had to shut down for some reason even if they may not have received any physical damage during the storms their revenues were affected. If a supplier shuts down that will cause them to shut down. Some cases a road may have been closed in front of a business so they could not open the business because people could not access them, those are just some examples. The rates that are available for renters and homeowners are as low as 2.875%. For businesses the rates are as low as 4% and for nonprofits the rates are low as 3.625%. These loans are available with terms up to 30 years and there are no payments and interest for the first year. We have a center open in Washington at the Community Center. They are actually going to close this Saturday and we are waiting for the word on the new location. People can also apply on line and get more information by phone. What I am asking of you all today is your assistance in spreading the word to the community through any social media or newsletters that you issue regularly and any events that you hold in your district. We would love to come up and share information with people just to work together. I looked forward to reaching out to the emergency manager. I went to the office yesterday but he was not in so we are going to collaborate there to see what we can do to get the word out to people. The deadline to apply for Physical Damage is August 31st, 2026 and for Economic Damage in the case of those businesses and nonprofits the deadline is March 30th, 2027. We would greatly appreciate your assistance in working together to come up with ways where we could get this information in the hands of anyone that may be able to use it to aide in their recovery.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “I just want to be clear. This is for the area that was affected by the last storm. It is for the whole state of Louisiana or all of St. Landry Parish?”

Mr. Phil Walls, Small Business Administration stated, “It is for anyone who was affected by the storms in St. Landry Parish and three other parishes for physical damage. There’s a total of about 8 or 9 parishes where businesses and nonprofits can apply for economic damage. In those cases they may have had a supplier in one of the heavily affected areas that affected their business even if you are in Orleans Parish as businesses are interconnected across our communities.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “Do you have a list of requirements or disqualifications? What base do they qualify besides them just applying? Do they have to bring information?”

Mr. Phil Walls, Small Business Administration stated, “Correct, in the case of physical damage that can be verified through surveys, we have Lost Verifiers that actually go out to places at times. Some people will verify their losses through use of photographs. We have people that will walk them through that. For Economic Damage they look at things such as Tax Returns, receipts and things like that to establish that the business is not where it would have been were it not for that storm,”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “If I am understanding you correctly it isn’t just damage due to Arthur, any storm is what you are saying?”

Mr. Phil Walls, Small Business Administration stated, “The damage would have been endured between June 17th, 2026 and June 18th, 2026 pretty much and that is in the case of physical damage but of course some of the Economic Damage is ongoing.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry questioned, “Do you have any flyers that you can leave with us and we could possibly set up a post on Social Media?”

Mr. Phil Walls, Small Business Administration stated, “I do. I have a hard copy here that I can leave with the Clerk. I will provide digital copies for our distribution.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “That is one way. We do realize that everybody doesn’t utilize Social Media. We have to find different ways to get this information out there.”

Mr. Phil Walls, Small Business Administration stated, “Absolutely.”

Mr. Bobby Ardoin, Editor stated, “We have a story today on St. Landry now. If you read our website it is all up there and we have a picture, a lovely picture. You don’t always have to go to Social Media.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “If the public is not aware of that information being there you still won’t be able to have access to the information.”

Mr. Bobby Ardoin, Editor stated, “What do we have to do Ms. Thierry? Put a billboard up on every street? It is aggravating?”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry questioned, “What is aggravating Mr. Ardoin?”

Mr. Bobby Ardoin, Editor stated, “We have 10,000 viewers and new viewers every year and yet you are questioning why we don’t have a liable resource.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “I did not say that, you are saying that.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Let’s have a little decorum here please. Let’s quit arguing back-and-forth please. The man is trying to pass something on to the public. Let us try to handle it in a diplomatic way.”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette questioned, “What is the farthest that we can go back to apply for these loans?”

Mr. Phil Walls, Small Business Administration stated, “June 17, 2026 and June 18th, 2026 are the dates for the original declaration. If someone experience physical damage perhaps the day before or the day after but in that range I would encourage them to talk to one of our customer service representatives by calling or stopping at the center that we opened in Washington.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “The center in Washington is open until Saturday. You all will get a new location but you do not know where the new location is yet.”

Mr. Phil Walls, Small Business Administration stated, “Correct. I will share that information as soon as we have it.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “Will you contact our clerk?”

Mr. Phil Walls, Small Business Administration stated, “Yes Sir.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Sherell does have the information. If anyone needs the information they can get it from Sherell.”

Councilman Dexter Brown questioned, “Mr. Walls, thank you for coming and thank you for the information. We are in hurricane season right now. We have different hurricanes that come through. Can we contact you if we need additional information?”

Mr. Phil Walls, Small Business Administration stated, “There is a process. People come in after a hurricane and survey the area. The county would have a part in it and the Emergency Manager and the state as well and then that goes all the way to Washington DC. When the Disaster Declaration is issued that is when we come in. It does need that declaration to be made. We have people in Lake Charles that have been there for many months. Once the authorization kicks in that is when they send us out to communicate to people about what is available.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Thank you. I just wanted to get that information out to the public.”

Mr. Phil Walls, Small Business Administration stated. “If something serious would happen you would generally expect to see us coming in along with FEMA and other resources.”

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to approve **the Regular Meeting Minutes from June 17th, 2026** as transcribed.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivet, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Alvin Stelly. **ABSTAINED:** None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of July, 2026.

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to approve **the Special Meeting Minutes from July 1st, 2026** as transcribed.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivet, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Alvin Stelly. **ABSTAINED:** None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of July, 2026.

VII. PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Mr. Chairman and council you should have an Adjudicated Sale for June 30th, 2026. It is not on the agenda but I want to add it to my Parish President's Report that we approved the highest bid on the sale. Before we can do that there is one sale at 614 Sherwood Street, Opelousas that we had two bidders bid the exact same amount. What I did is I had them re-submit their bids and I will open it up in front of the council so we can add that one bid to the sheet."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, "What is that address again?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "614 Sherwood Street, Opelousas."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, "Is that the WD-1?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Yes, I will say the Parcel Number. The Parcel Number is 0100249925. The first bid is from David Tanner for 0100249925. That bid is for \$1,400.00. The next bid for Parcel Number 0100249925 is from Joseph Woods. That bid is for \$1,355.00. At this time I will add the \$1,400.00 bid from Mr. David Tanner. The total amount of the June 30th, 2026 Adjudicated Sales will be \$58,878.52. I will ask the council that we move forward with this and approve the sales to the highest bidders so we can start the next process on this."

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to **approve the Adjudicated Sales from June 30th, 2026 in the amount of \$58,878.52.**

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivet, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Alvin Stelly. **ABSTAINED:** None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of July, 2026.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The only other thing I have to say is that FEMA will be closing on Saturday in Washington Louisiana like he previously stated. We had 57 valid claims reported at the site in Washington Louisiana."

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, "Mr. Bellard what is the latest news on Nextera and the Walmart Project? Are they completed?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "On Walmart we are at the end of it. The attorneys have it in their hands. We are waiting on one attorney to do the final review. It is at the end. On Nextera I have a meeting with them on July 28th, 2026."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, "Mr. Bellard have you all started tearing down the houses from the funds?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Yes. We started last week. We did one on Park View Drive and I did one yesterday on HWY 749. We have some that are in the hopper for the asbestos to be removed. Once that happens we will tear those down. We are trying to do at least 2-3 per week. We are doing it ourselves."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I understand. I think you said last time that you had 26.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “26, yes.”

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to accept **the Parish President’s Report.**

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivet, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Alvin Stelly. **ABSTAINED:** None.
WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of July, 2026.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

***Items passed through committee.**

1. **Vote to appoint June Avila for one appointment to the St. Landry Parish Waterworks District #5 for the remainder of a three-year term. (04-21-2025 – 04-21-2028).**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to appoint June Avila for one appointment to the St. Landry Parish Waterworks District #5 for the remainder of a three-year term. (04-21-2025 – 04-21-2028).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivet, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Alvin Stelly. **ABSTAINED:** None.
WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of July, 2026.

2. **Vote to appoint one appointment to the Lawtell Water District No. 1 for the remainder of a four-year term ending 08-12-2027. Applicants are: Angela Deculus and William J. Fontenot.**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to appoint *Angela Deculus* to the Lawtell Water District No. 1 for the remainder of a four-year term ending 08-12-2027.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivet, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Alvin Stelly. **ABSTAINED:** None.
WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of July, 2026.

The votes were as follows:

<i>Councilmember</i>	<i>Applicant</i>
<i>Councilman Jody White</i>	<i>William Fontenot</i>
<i>Councilwoman Nancy Carriere</i>	<i>Angela Deculus</i>
<i>Councilman Faltery Jolivet</i>	<i>William Fontenot</i>
<i>Councilwoman Mildred Thierry</i>	<i>Angela Deculus</i>
<i>Councilman Harold Taylor</i>	<i>William Fontenot</i>
<i>Councilman Ken Marks</i>	<i>William Fontenot</i>
<i>Councilman Alvin Stelly</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Councilwoman Vivian Olivier</i>	<i>Angela Deculus</i>
<i>Councilman Dexter Brown</i>	<i>Angela Deculus</i>
<i>Councilman Timmy Lejeune</i>	<i>Angela Deculus</i>
<i>Councilman Jimmie Edwards</i>	<i>Angela Deculus</i>
<i>Councilman Ernest Blanchard</i>	<i>Angela Deculus</i>

3. **Vote to re-appoint Nelene Guidroz, David Edwards and John Barron for three appointments to the East St. Landry Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for a four-year term. (09-04-2026 – 09-04-30).**

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Ken Marks to re-appoint Nelene Guidroz, David Edwards and John Barron for three appointments to the East St. Landry Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for a four-year term.

(09-04-2026 – 09-04-30).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Alvin Stelly. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of July, 2026.

4. **Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to the Bellevue & Coulee Crouche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 for the remainder of a four-year term ending 05-02-2029.**

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to the Bellevue & Coulee Crouche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 for the remainder of a four-year term ending 05-02-2029.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Alvin Stelly. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of July, 2026.

5. **Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to the St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District for a four-year term expiring 09-02-2026.**

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “These applicants will come out of Road District No. 1 which is Districts: 1, 2, 3, 9 and 10 of the St. Landry Parish Council. The other applicant will come out of Road District No. 3 which is Council Districts: 4, 5 and 6. Would you place that in the minutes?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard questioned, “Mr. Chairman is that part of the statue?”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “It is part of the old road district that they had established.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Is it part of the State Statue that governs that board?”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “That is.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is in the State Statue?”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Yes.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It says those specific districts?”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Yes Sir.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Okay, I need to look at that to make sure.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Please do.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Because this is not the Jury Days anymore. This is a whole new form of government now.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I think that is the way that we appointed the last appointee Mr. Bellard. I think that same question was asked. Let’s go ahead with this, if you find something different then we will bring it up. Okay, is that alright with you?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We will look it up and see.”

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to the St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District for a four-year term expiring 09-02-2026.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry,

Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Alvin Stelly. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of July, 2026.

6. **Authorize the approval of a Variance for Mr. Brett Michael Clark, 3706 HWY 360 Melville, LA.**

Parish President Jessie Bellard questioned, “What is this for?”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “It is for a Variance on a Mobile Home. You were not at the meeting, you were ill and we had a conversation with Mr. Van Reed. He advised if I am correct, it is in the minutes that someone would go out and look at the mobile home and get back with us.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Part of the ordinance is this: They have to get a building permit before we can go and do any type of inspection. No building permit was issued so we did not go and do any inspection. I want to make sure that we are on the right page because the variances are being given out like candy so it does not pay to have an ordinance. I am wondering what is the deal with this one?”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “When they set up the mobile home they need to come to your office. We need to set something up where they come to your office and your people can go over and see if this mobile home is livable or what is the circumstances.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We have the ordinance. That is the problem. The first thing they have to do is come and get a permit before they even move it. That is not being done so this is not going to work where everybody comes and get a variance. It does not pay to have an ordinance is what I am saying.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “You are very right sir. Like you said they are handed out like candy but yet we have a constituent of St. Landry Parish where the mother is here. She came to speak in reference to this thing. I advised her that she needed to come tonight. She and the son were here the last time. The mobile home had pictures handed out to this council. It looks very livable and it is a nice mobile home. Now we are holding up progress. Where do we go from here?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard questioned, “Where is the mobile home at now?”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “It is located at that address.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It was moved prior to a permit even given?”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Yes Sir. That happens because mobile home movers bring them here and they want to get their money just like everybody else.”

Ms. Belinda Sneider addressed the council. She stated, “Mr. Bellard, I did approach your office and I was rejected the permit due to the fact that it was more than 25 years old.”

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

Ms. Belinda Sneider stated, “So I can’t go to your office and get a permit if they won’t give it to me.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That is correct because the ordinance says what it says.”

Ms. Belinda Sneider stated, “So at the last meeting it was said that a variance needed to be issued before you can do an inspection. My understanding is that I was issued the variance than I was given the permission to proceed. How can I proceed with a variance if you don’t have your inspection done first?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The whole thing is this: An ordinance is in place and we changed it to do 25 years now we are going beyond the 25 years is what I am trying

to say. It don't pay for us to adopt an ordinance if we are going to let anybody come in with a house. That is all that I am saying."

Ms. Belinda Sneider stated, "I am saying that my son have dumped \$20,000.00 into this mobile home and he had no idea that this was a law. Did you all send out paperwork stating that? Do you realize how many people can get themselves in these kind of situations? Some people cannot afford it."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Oh I agree but this ordinance have been in place for years, the mobile part of it has been added recently. Anytime you move anything into this parish you must first get a permit whether it be a mobile home or a regular house or whatever it is."

Ms. Belinda Sneider stated, "Which we were refused."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "All I am saying is this: Some of the same councilmembers were voting against other variance for other districts now they want to do this one. All I am saying is that they are handing it out like candy so why have an ordinance if we are not going to stick to it? That is all that I am saying."

Ms. Belinda Sneider stated, "I understand that. I have seen mobile homes that are 3 years old and they are not livable. I have seen some 35 years that are more than livable."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I agree."

Ms. Belinda Sneider stated, "If you take an older person, which does not affect Brett's situation, but if you take an older person that is on rented property and all she have to her name is a 30 year old mobile home and she can move it to her son's property where she can live rent free you are making that poor woman homeless."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "No, I am not. The ordinance is doing it that the council passed and I have to enforce it."

Ms. Belinda Sneider stated, "I understand. I am throwing a scenario out there. I want to protect myself and I want to protect others at the same time."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Then the council is the right place to be. They will have to change the ordinance to make it 50 years so we won't have all of these variances."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "That is true. It should have never been brought up Mr. Bellard, I totally agree with you. It was brought up and now we have to deal with it and we have to take care of our constituents in St. Landry Parish."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Well then let's change the ordinance. It is that simple."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "I would love to change it."

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, "We have already done one or two ordinance and one or two variances."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We have done more than that."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "Okay, why don't we say tonight no more variance. We have to come to a compromise with this one. Can you have your inspector inspect it before they move it? You can hire out what they call home inspectors. That cost is anywhere from \$300.00 to \$600.00. You bring your reports and say yes it is livable and you can recommend that we give them a variance."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I am in favor of all of that but it is not in our ordinance. That is all that I am saying. If we just change the ordinance to reflect what you

all want to do then I am not against it. I am saying that we just have to make sure that we cover ourselves. That is all.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Last meeting Van called you about this one. They were here and we were trying to get some understanding. You probably don’t remember because it was so much confusion. I understand what you are saying. If you remember I said that it needs to go to you all first before it comes to us because we can’t make a decision without your approval. I mentioned that if the properties would be inspected and they pay for their own inspection and bring it to you and you said you don’t have no one to inspect. I say they could get their own inspector. I understand that we may need to adjust this ordinance to state the process. I have been contacted by people that have moved some 40 year old trailers and I have advised them. We need to notify these movers because it starts with them.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I totally agree. I am all in favor if you all want to change the ordinance to say anything over 25 years must first be inspected. It could be by our people and that is not a problem. Once it is inspect and we still deny it and they still come before the council then we can give our reasons why we denied it or approved it. That would cover us not going through to much grey areas. I totally agree and I think we can do it without changing the ordinance. I think what I will do on our end to enforce it is we will start siting the movers and let them come in front of the hearing officer. Until we start doing that we will never correct it.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Look into moving from another parish into St. Landry Parish. They need to know also.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We will start siting them as they do it. I am not opposed I am just saying that we need to put some teeth in it. I agree with doing an inspection. If the inspection reveals that it is not livable and we deny a permit they still have an option to come here to the council. If we can do the inspection and it is a good one we will still come to the council and give a favorable inspection and let the council do the variance. We have to have something in place.”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, “Part of my question was answered as far as the liability of the homeowner knowing they need to have permits. Are we doing a good job or should we consider doing things differently to make this information known to the public?” How do we hold the movers accountable? I would like to make a suggestion that we sit down and revisit this on how we want to do it and how it should be in place. Mr. Taylor and I visited on this matter shortly and we need to consider a lot of things. It was mentioned that some 40 year old mobile home look well-kept and we have to give due diligence to that home owner and we should consider a whole lot. Maybe we can table things and revisit this ordinance.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Mr. Jolivette for now until an ordinance is drafted what we are going to do on our end is enforce that ordinance. If a mover comes in and does that we will site that mover and let them come in front of the hearing officer and tell their story. One thing I do know is the movers that does this on a regular basis, those legitimate home movers will call and ask: What is the process? It is not the ones that are basically good reputable home movers. Most of them are at night getting them in. I agree 100% on what you all are saying but in the meantime we are going to start siting these mobile home movers that do it. Again the homeowners hire these professionals to do their job and they expect them to do it the right way and they get penalized. We will fight that battle now but I really agree if we change the ordinance and give instructions to where we can go and do an inspection and inspection comes back on a home over 25 years, bring it to the council and let the council decide based off inspection and I think we can cover ourselves.”

Ms. Belinda Sneider stated, “Let me just say that this all happened after he had purchased the mobile home. To protect someone else from getting into this situation and you all could come up with a way that someone else don’t spend their money and when they call that mover to move that home they are out on their money because the person that they bought it from is not going to refund them their money and they are stuck with a trailer that may not be able to reconnect.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “I have a similar situation in District 10. I was going to make a Sub-motion to table this matter until Mr. Bellard can get with our Legal Counsel and look more into it and to settle the matter.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Duplechain is he in order by offering any motion at all until this time until we get this ordinance worded correctly?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Yes. The council can make its wishes known. It is unlawful for any person to move a manufactured home or mobile home without securing a permit. A person can be a mover or the owner of the mobile home. The home is required to be moved by movers licensed in the state of Louisiana. They can be civilly cited. We have an adjudicated bureau hearing officer for that. There are different things that can be used legally to enforce this ordinance. Any person who owns a mobile home that is moved with a permit or any mover. It does not differentiate between a mover and the owner of the mobile home. They have responsibility to secure the permit before moving it to the parish. We dealt with this recently in regard to certain trailer parks that did not seem to think that they needed a permit. There are different things that can be done about this.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I have one comment. Mr. Brown in reference to this particular issue it is not the same from what I am understanding. The issue with the one in District 10 is about the land and how many they have on the property. It does not meet the same criteria as what we are dealing with in your district. I respectfully ask that we let this go through tonight and understand that we are actually going to site the mover in this instance so we can start that process.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “You understand Mr. Brown because we are comparing two different items here.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Yes I understand.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “In my opinion I don’t think that we should blame the lady because it would stop if we notified all movers. I think that this ordinance needs to present a dollar figure for any reason they do not comply with hauling that trailer or home. I think we should have a stiff fine in the amount of \$5,000.00 on the mover for moving it.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We are limited on the amount that we can do but I agree the maximum amount that we are allowed to do.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I will make a motion that we accept and give her the variance. I want to make it clear, **no more variance**. Lets’ fix this before we do anything. We have to get this worked on. I make a motion that we accept her trailer after the inspection, we have to have that inspection for safety reasons.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The house is in the parish so that is fine.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “When they get that permit they should be able to let you all know who is moving the trailer so that way directly you will contact that trailer mover in case he may say that he did not know.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Kiara is going to do that tomorrow.”

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “Upon reviewing the minutes from the last meeting, Mr. President you were not here and Van was in your place. My comment then was exactly what you are saying. We would like to see if we could get a copy of the procedures for trailer meeting this criteria. A check list and inspections and whatever the process is. I have no clue what it is but yet I am expected to approve things I am not quite aware of. That clarification is what we need and we are going to do that as a council.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I have a copy of the ordinance right here. We do give the people a cheat sheet of what they need to bring in and they do it. The problem is this: When they come to us it is not a problem it is when they come to us after the fact whenever the house is moved is where the problem comes in just for mobile homes. I think

we are going to fix that problem with the ordinance and I think it is going to work out good.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Mr. Bellard is it possible to put the information regarding moving of trailer homes to different properties on our website?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We have our ordinances and everything else on there but we can actually put one dealing specifically with trailers homes and stuff, yes.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “If we could put a trailer house picture and place the words: Are you moving? Something that is eye catching.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes, we can do that.”

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to authorize the approval of a Variance for Mr. Brett Michael Clark, 3706 HWY 360 Melville, LA.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Vivian Olivier, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** Dexter Brown. **ABSENT:** Alvin Stelly. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of July, 2026.

Councilman Dexter Brown abstained his vote for the Variance.

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “The council have to give permission for abstaining after the reason for the abstaining is made. Once you give your reason then there could be a motion and a second to allow you to abstain. That is the ordinance that we have in place right now.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Due to they have a lot of questions regarding the variances regarding mobile homes. I have similar situations in my district, District 10, the district that I represent. That is the reason why I am abstaining from voting.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Can you state that a little more clearly. I have to be able to follow that.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Okay. I will vote “No.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “You are not abstaining?”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “No, I will just vote “No.”

Ms. Belinda Sneider stated, “Thank all of you.”

7. **Discuss moving the polling places in St. Landry Parish: Precincts 14-A and 14-B from the Fire Station in Fort Hamilton to Opelousas Civic Center and two precincts in Palmetto to North Central.**

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, “Is this move temporary?”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “No. I will discuss the precincts in my District 14-A and 14-B. I decided to do a poll because I had some issues at the fire station. I work the voting polls and I decided to make a request that we move because I did a survey with my constituents. I decided that the majority if they wanted to move then I will make the request. We have a lot of different issues at the fire station. The issues are: There is no air, insufficient parking, no good lighting and it is very dangerous. Forth Hamilton Fire Station is at the caution light off of HWY 31 and HWY 742. I am going with the majority vote of the poll, not everyone will be happy but that is why I am requesting that it be moved to the Opelousas Civic Center.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “In reference to Mr. Taylor movement of the polling precincts that was done because of the storm. That was done through the Secretary of the State. It was no action on our part at that time unless he wants to permanently move them.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “No, I am good.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “So the Palmetto Polling Location is taken care of. Ms. Nancy is asking for Location 14-A and 14-B to be moved permanently to the Opelousas Civic Center from the Fire Station in Fort Hamilton. Do I have a motion?”

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Faltory Jolivet to move Precinct 14-A and 14-B from Forth Hamilton Fires Station to the Opelousas Civic Center.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltory Jolivet, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Alvin Stelly. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of July, 2026.

IX. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-025
(Sponsored by: Councilwoman Mildred Thierry)

AN ORDINANCE TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY BEARING PARCEL NUMBER 0300098500 TO AN ADJOINING LANDOWNER OF THE ADJUDICATED PROPERTY AS PER LA R. S. 47:2202 (B)

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-026
(Sponsored by: Councilwoman Mildred Thierry)

AN ORDINANCE TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY BEARING PARCEL NUMBER 0402457700 TO AN ADJOINING LANDOWNER OF THE ADJUDICATED PROPERTY AS PER LA R. S. 47:2202 (B)

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-027
(Sponsored by: Councilman Timmy Lejeune)

AN ORDINANCE TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY BEARING PARCEL NUMBER 0101772480 TO AN ADJOINING LANDOWNER OF THE ADJUDICATED PROPERTY AS PER LA R. S. 47:2202 (B)

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-028
(Sponsored by: Councilwoman Mildred Thierry)

AN ORDINANCE TO SELL THE FOLLOWING 32 PROPERTIES LISTED ON THIS ORDINANCE THAT HAVE BEEN ADJUDICATED TO ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT

X. ORDINANCE TO BE ADOPTED:

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to adopt **Ordinance No. 2026-023**.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltory Jolivet, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Alvin Stelly. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of July, 2026.

Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated, “That is the ordinance that we pulled.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No, that is the one that we need to do.”

Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated, “We did not pull that one at the beginning of the Public Hearing?”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “No Sir. It was not pulled.”

Public Hearing Comments for Ordinance No. 2026-023.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Blanchard you are the sponsor of this ordinance do you have any comments?”

Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated, “No Sir I don’t.”

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, “Are we just canceling the adjudicated property sale? Is that what this is?”

Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated, “I think it is cancelled already but it will be cancelled this evening.”

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-023
(Sponsored By: Councilman Ernest Blanchard)

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 2025-030, WHICH IS AN ORDINANCE TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY TO AN ADJOINING LANDOWNER OF THE ADJUDICATED PROPERTY, DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE ADJOINING LANDOWNER WITHDREW HIS REQUEST TO BUY THE ADJUDICATED PROPERTY PRIOR TO THE CONVEYANCE BEING EXECUTED

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2025-030 was enacted by the St. Landry Parish Council on October 15, 2025, and said Ordinance ordained that adjudicated property bearing parcel number 8102326075 would be sold to the adjoining landowner, Herman Manuel, Jr., as per LA R. S. 47:2202 (B).

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2025-030 was recorded in the Conveyance records of the St. Landry Parish Clerk of Court on October 16, 2025, under Act number 1274245.

WHEREAS, the owner of the property adjoining the adjudicated property, Herman Manuel, Jr., withdrew his request to buy the adjudicated property prior to the conveyance being executed.

WHEREAS, no Conveyance or Non-warranty Cash Sale conveying the property to Herman Manuel, Jr., has been signed or recorded with the St. Landry Parish Clerk of Court.

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Council shall repeal Ordinance No. 2025-030.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that St. Landry Parish Ordinance number 2025-030, which conveys adjudicated property bearing parcel number 8102326075 to an adjoining land owner, and said adjudicated property is described as 1 LOT 7 (51 X 150) BLK 2 OAK PARK ADD N HALL ST S LOT 18 BLK 2 E LOT 6 BLK 2 W LOT 8 BLK 2 FRONTING 51’ ON HALL ST 953986 (R-41-438) 1001477, is hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that the St. Landry Parish Clerk of Court is hereby requested and authorized to make note of this Ordinance on the Ordinance that is being repealed which is recorded under Act number 1274245 in the Conveyance records of the St. Landry Parish Clerk of Court.

- A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to adopt **Ordinance No. 2026-024**.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Alvin Stelly. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of July, 2026.

Public Hearing Comments for Ordinance No. 2026-024

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “Dexter Brown is the sponsor of this ordinance but he is not here at the moment. Mr. Ballard, this property that Fakouri is donating, where is it located in Eunice?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is off of Spatz Street. It is already cleaned up.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I see Spatz Street in the ordinance but I don’t see any address.”

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-024
(Sponsored By: Councilman Dexter Brown)

AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE DONATION AND CONVEYANCE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY BY FAKOURI ENTERPRISES, INC. TO ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE

WHEREAS, Fakouri Enterprises, Inc., owns a tract or parcel of land, being Lot Eleven (11) and Lot Twelve (12) of Block Forty-one (41) of the Roosevelt Subdivision to the City of Eunice in Ward 6 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Fakouri Enterprises, Inc., wishes to donate and convey ownership of the property to St. Landry Parish Government.

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, Article VI, Section 23, allows a political subdivision to acquire property by donation for a public purpose. Article VI, Section 23, of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana states:

“§23. Acquisition of Property Section 23. Subject to and not inconsistent with this constitution and subject to restrictions provided by general law, political subdivisions may acquire property for any public purpose by purchase, donation, expropriation, exchange, or otherwise.”

WHEREAS, the Council for St. Landry Parish Government, by this ordinance, hereby accepts the donation and conveyance of the above mentioned property by Fakouri Enterprises, Inc. to St. Landry Parish Government for the public purpose of using the property as a staging area for the St. Landry Parish Public Works Department to park trucks and machinery on the property when doing public works maintenance, repairs, and projects in that area of St. Landry Parish.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that the following property being conveyed by an Act of Donation to the St. Landry Parish Government is hereby accepted by St. Landry Parish Government, for the public purpose of using the property as a staging area for the St. Landry Parish Public Works Department to park trucks and machinery on the property when doing public works maintenance, repairs, and projects in that area of St. Landry Parish, and said property is described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of ground, together with all buildings and improvements situated thereon, being described as Lots No. Eleven (11) and Twelve (12) of Block No. Forty-one (41) of the Roosevelt Subdivision to the City of Eunice, in St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, as per Plat of Subdivision made by Jasper L. Bourgeois, Civil Engineer and Surveyor, recorded in the records of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, on July 25, 1945, in Plat Book 2, Page 80, and bearing Original Act No. 228648, Said property having a front on its’ East side on Spatz Road.

This property bears Parcel Number 0602859860.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that St. Landry Parish President Jessie Bellard is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents and conveyances that are necessary to donate and transfer the above described property to St. Landry Parish Government.

XI. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to adopt **Resolution No. 010-2026.**

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry,

Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Alvin Stelly. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of July, 2026.

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, “Should this not be an ordinance instead of a Resolution?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “No, this Resolution is required by Delta Regional Authority.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, I am just checking.”

RESOLUTION NO. 010-2026

DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY APPLICATION SUBMISSION

WHEREAS, the Delta Regional Authority (hereinafter “DRA”) was created by Congress by the Delta Regional Authority Act of 2000, as amended, as a federal/state partnership now comprised of 255 counties and parishes within the eight states of Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee in order to remedy severe and chronic economic distress by stimulating economic development and fostering partnerships that will have a positive impact on the Delta Region’s economy;

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Government proposes to apply for funding through the Delta Regional Authority (DRA) for the Fiscal Year 2026 federal award program cycle for the St. Landry Parish Airport Hangar Expansion and Infrastructure Project;

WHEREAS, the proposed project will expand aircraft storage capacity through the construction of additional hangars and supporting utility infrastructure at St. Landry Parish Airport in order to address documented demand for hangar space, support continued aviation growth, and strengthen regional economic development opportunities;

WHEREAS, DRA requires that a person be designated, appointed, and given the authority to perform certain duties and administration of said award for and on behalf of the Awardee;

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Government has secured approximately \$366,000 in federal funding through the United States Department of Agriculture for airport facility improvements and intends to utilize such funds as leverage and match for the proposed St. Landry Parish Airport Hangar Expansion and Infrastructure Project;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, by the **15th**, of **July, 2026** as follows;

THAT, Jessie Bellard, St. Landry Parish President be and is hereby designated and appointed to perform on behalf of St. Landry Parish Government and has the authority to make those acts and assume any and all duties in dealing with the award with DRA for the Fiscal Year – 2026 federal award program cycle;

THAT, Jessie Bellard, St. Landry Parish President, is hereby authorized to execute and submit any and all documents including, but not limited to, applications, award closing documents, request for funds, status reports to DRA for the Fiscal Year –2026 federal award program cycle;

THAT, the Awardee agrees to provide additional funds in the amount of \$366,000 to said award;

THAT, in the event of an administration change, the new St. Landry Parish President shall continue to have such authority under this Resolution.

XII. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Jody White, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to accept the **Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, July 1st, 2026** as transcribed.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Alvin Stelly. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of July, 2026.

A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to accept the **Administrative Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, July 1st, 2026** as transcribed.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Alvin Stelly. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of July, 2026.

XIII. ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to Adjourn the Regular Meeting.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Alvin Stelly. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of July, 2026.

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