

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 18<sup>th</sup>, day of March, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

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

IV. **CONDOLENCES:**

*Councilwoman Nancy Carriere:* Kenneth Hughes, Laura Lou Mickens, Joyce Richard, Clara Coleman, Bobby G. Ware Jr., Patricia Barnaby, Larry Junius Mose Jr., Calvin Shakesnider Sr.

*Councilman Faltery Jolivette:* Tony Bowie, Gregory Gerard Hawkins.

*Councilwoman Mildred Thierry:* Cynthia Joseph, Debra Marie Murray, Bobby G. Ware Jr., Manny Goodwill Jr., Barbara Joseph, Patricia Barnaby, Linda Gail Boykin, Joyce Richard, Earl Daniel, Fran Monique Lemelle, Larry Junius Mose, Lucy Mae Richard Baker, Joseph Simien, Vincent Michael Eaglin, Mildred Baker Jones, Desiree Lanaya Desi Boutee, Eric John Martel, Mary Marline Victorian, Theresa C. Thompson, Raymond Fontenot, Steven Paul Brown, Barnabus Lynden Dupre.

*Councilman Harold Taylor:* Dr. Richard Jack Hidalgo.

*Councilman Ken Marks:* Michael Williams.

*Councilman Alvin Stelly:* Robert ‘Timmy’ Mallet Jr.

*Chairman Wayne Ardoin:* Mary Lillian Leger, Marie Campbell, Barbara Ann Meche, Michael Williams, Joy Lee Dupont.

*Councilman Ernest Blanchard:* Councilwoman Sharon Fontenot, Travis Joseph Trumps, Andre Gabriel Miller, Rena Citizen Jacobs, Cecile ‘Faye’ Prejean Dies, David Anthony Gaspard, Mary Louise Rougeau, Bonita ‘Bonnie’ Duplechain Bradley, Brian Keith Landreneau, Alisha Beatrice Thibodeaux, Paul Marshall Fontenot, Courtney Shavonne Neville, Vernon McManus, John ‘JB’ Olivier, Dudley Joseph Diaville, Monty Lou Putnam Stoute, Leonard D. Kersten, Sharon K. Fontenot, Emma Bertrand LeDoux, Joel ‘Jody’ LaHaye.

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

V. **PERSON TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:**

*Ms. Carolyn Jarrell Addressed the council. She stated,* “Good evening. I am here on behalf of the Daughters of the American Revolution. As you know the year 2026 is the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of our country. The DAR is have a celebration on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at the Delta Grand. We will go through important events from 1776 through the present day. We will have children from public, parochial and home schools participating and acting out many of our important people. I am here to invite you to our event. It will be at the Delta Grand on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the evening. I would like to pass

these out to you all. This is my co-worker, Ms. Bertha Reed. She will assist me. It is a free event and we will get you a ticket if you all are interested in coming, just give us a call and we will get you tickets. You have to have a ticket to get in but it is free of charge, there is no cost. If you plan to attend just call and let us know.”

**Mr. James Demoruelle addressed the council. He stated,** “Good evening ladies and gentleman. I come tonight requesting a letter. The last time I was here I had ask for a letter to be sent to the Attorney General and you all voted to give me one. Then the events happened and you all decided to change your mind. I am asking for a letter notifying me that your mind was changed and whatever else you all may want to put on it and the fact that I am not going to get a letter sent to the Attorney General. That is all that I am asking for. I want to tell you all that I do not have any plans to cause any legal problems with you all, I have none at all but I need the letter to move to my next step.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Mr. Chairman if I am not mistaken I think it was not a change of mind I think the votes had been counted wrong if I am not mistaken, is that how it happen?”

**Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated,** “I have a copy of the minutes. From what I recall the gentleman got up and he asked for an Attorney General’s Opinion. He was here for an Attorney General’s Opinion. A motion was made by Mr. Lejeune and Mr. Brown for Mr. Dustin Miller be asked to introduce a bill in this legislature that is going on at this time to change the law in Louisiana. It was voted on and Ms. Barlow was the clerk at that time. It was a tie vote and the chairman broke the tie. That is the way it went down.”

**Councilman Dexter Brown stated,** “Good afternoon, how are you doing sir? Whenever we asked for that Attorney General’s Opinion the Attorney General made a statement stating that we did not need an opinion it was already Federal Law, it is just illegal to cock fight. The motion that I had made was to introduce a letter, I made a motion for a Resolution to State Representative Mr. Dustin Miller to either adapt or adjust the current state statue regarding cock fighting but the attorney general basically stated, I want to say it is on Facebook, and I know that she wrote a letter to us stating that it was already Federal Law and she did not have to make an opinion about it because it was already a federal law banning cock fighting throughout out the 50 states of the United States. It was on Facebook and it was on the news. I don’t know if she initially sent a letter stating that, Mr. Duplechain.”

**Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “She stated there will be no opinion on it and that it will remain illegal in Louisiana.”

**Mr. James Demoruelle questioned,** “Did she send a letter?”

**Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “No she made the statement.”

**Mr. James Demoruelle stated,** “That is the hang up. Everything is: “he said, she said.” All I want is a letter from you all saying that because she made that statement you all are not going to send the letter in requesting it. That is all that I am asking for.”

**Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “To be fair a letter is completely optional, unnecessary and does not serve the purposes of this council or this government.”

**Mr. James Demoruelle stated,** “It serves my purpose as a citizen.”

**Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “That is the problem. It does not serve the purposes of the government, the council, the parish government.”

**Mr. James Demoruelle stated,** “Now you are confusing me. I thought the purpose of the government was to serve the citizens. A matter of fact on your desk I brought a gift to each of you, this little book. It is called the Constitution of the United States. On page 43 are the amendments to the Constitution. It says that Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of Religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press or the right of the people to peaceable assemble and to petition the government for a redress of grievances. It also states in a statement before that these rights

are inalienable. I am asking for the government for a redress of grievances. I am asking for that and it is in our constitution. So I know you are not saying that you are not going to do it, I know that.”

**Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “The council cannot change a Federal Law and make cock fighting legal.”

**Mr. James Demoruelle stated,** “I am not asking them to. I am just asking for a letter, you are not hearing me.”

**Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “The council cannot change a state law and make cock fighting legal in St. Landry Parish. So let’s not over think it.”

**Mr. James Demoruelle stated,** “I might have to change my statement. I said I was not going to sue anybody but you are tempting. I just need that letter saying that you retracted your decision, it is that simple. That gets me to another step and it bears no weight on you.”

**Councilman Dexter Brown questioned,** “What is your last name?”

**Mr. James Demoruelle stated,** “Jim Demoruelle.”

**Councilman Dexter Brown stated,** “Mr. Jim we are going to get the response from the Attorney General.”

**Mr. James Demoruelle stated,** “Okay, I thought this would be my last time here to bother you all but I guess I will be back.”

**Councilman Dexter Brown stated,** “As you already know I tried. I made a Resolution.”

**Mr. James Demoruelle stated,** “I appreciate that, I really do. I am just going through some emotions right now, forgive me.”

**Councilman Dexter Brown stated,** “Yes sir, it did not pass but we can get the response from the Attorney General to you if you don’t mind.”

**Mr. James Demoruelle stated,** “Yes, I would like something in writing. You can give me whatever you got.”

**Councilman Dexter Brown stated,** “Yes sir we will.”

**Mr. James Demoruelle stated,** “That will be good enough.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated,** “I had a comment. You had an opportunity to come before us and present your motion and it failed to pass a full majority. If the councilman from District 10 wants to ask the Attorney General he has the authority to do that. As far as the council is concerned we are done with the ballot, we are not going to go forward with it. I think we need to move on.”

**Mr. James Demoruelle stated,** “I think you have it confused. I think there is a confusion here. There were two things brought up for vote. The one to send a letter to the Attorney General did pass. There were two things that were brought up. The letter did pass and you were directed to send a letter. Things happened, there were some undo influences of some type because at seven o’clock or so it passed here and at nine o’clock the Attorney General makes a statement to the press and they had never received a letter. So there is some short circuit going on and I plan to follow it up. I appreciate your help in doing this, thank you very much. Did you make a motion? What have I got?”

**Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated,** “That is no motion made Mr. Demoruelle. He is speaking on his behalf to you. Like Mr. Taylor advised he can ask the Attorney General to get you a letter but this council have not ask for any motion on the floor. So now it is moot.”

**Mr. James Demoruelle questioned,** “So you are not going to take any action on my request?”

**Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated,** “Unless councilmembers offer a motion and it passes. Mr. Bellard you ask to speak.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Mr. Chairman, the minutes of the meeting is word for word. I think that would suffice a letter.”

**Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated,** “Correct, I have a copy of them here and he has a copy in his hand. He was given a copy before the meeting.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “I don’t know what a letter would do but this is word for word of what took place in the meeting. I think that tells you everything that took place.”

**Mr. James Demoruelle stated,** “If I bring this I have a feeling that this will bring back some weight on you and that is not what I want.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Regardless of what it does that is the action of the council.”

**Mr. James Demoruelle stated,** “The way that I am looking at it this shows that you took an act, you did something, but nothing never happened about it so that is still in your court and I don’t want it to be there. I want a letter saying that there was a reason for you to change your mind and notify me that the change happened and I can move on without involving you anymore.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Mr. Chairman, did the motion pass to get an opinion from the Attorney General at the last meeting?”

**Mr. James Demoruelle stated,** “Yes it did.”

**Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated,** “To get an Attorney General Opinion but like he stated earlier about that following day or that same night.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “I think at this point if the motion passed by the council you send a letter and let the Attorney General return back whatever her opinion is going to be and you let that be where it is at.”

**Mr. James Demoruelle stated,** “That is what I think.”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** “The motion did pass.”

**Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated,** “I have it here, I have the minutes here.”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune continued,** “The motion passed to request an Attorney General’s Opinion on Cock Fighting in Louisiana that is what it was. Not long after or the next morning it was all over the news that she would not issue an opinion. There was no need to further a letter to the Attorney General for an opinion because she answered the question. That is why the letter was never sent. I questioned the Attorney about that and he said it is entirely up to whomever made the motion to send the letter or not and I made the motion. I decided not to send the letter simply because the answer was given across the globe and everybody knew what was going on. That is why the letter was never requested or sent out as a request to the Attorney General.”

**Mr. James Demoruelle stated,** “You shared that with me and that is how I got the information that that was the action and I am okay with that.”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** “I just gave it to you and it is being recorded. As soon as they print a copy you can have it.”

**Mr. James Demoruelle stated,** “I have a copy of the previous minutes.”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** “Not that, tonight’s meeting minutes.”

**Mr. James Demoruelle stated,** “Okay.”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** “Okay, thank you so much.”

**Mr. James Demoruelle stated,** “I appreciate it. That ought to solve the problem.”

**Mr. Kyle Boss addressed the council. He stated,** “I want to address the board. President Bellard, Chairman Ardoin and all of the Board Members. My name is Kyle Boss. I am a candidate for the Fire District 4 Board. I live in St. Landry Parish and I own business in St. Landry Parish. I am a School Board Member for District 8 in St. Landry Parish and I am applying to be a board member and I think I can bring things to the table for the Fire District. I think you all for your consideration.”

**Mr. John Guy addressed the council. He stated,** “My name is John Guy. My address is 1506 Chretien Point Road, Sunset Louisiana. My phone number is: 812-661-9086. The last parish meeting I was here and the St. Landry Parish Superintendent was here talking about the Millage increase for our taxes. He was talking about not having a millage increase since 1986 and the school system have been working on a 1986 budget. I don’t believe that is actually correct and if anybody have some clarification but from my information in 1986 it was about a \$2,000,000.00 budget. I researched this on the internet and you can go back to 1986 there is no digital record back to 1986 so I had to use AI, which everybody uses AI today. If any of my information is incorrect I have no problem with somebody giving information to correct my information. In 1986 it was \$2,000,000.00 and as of today it says that approximately \$12,000,000.00 today. So I believe that was not leading the public correctly that we are still operating on a 1986 budget. The budget obviously have increased as property taxes have increased due to property value. Our school system is in trouble. We have had a Junior High School close because it was a failing school, it was an ‘F’ school. They took that school and moved it to the high school if I understand that correctly. The superintendent is saying if we just keep throwing money at a failing school system that is going to fix the school system, I don’t see throwing money at a school system that is failing is going to fix anything. We have some of the highest paid board members and the superintendent is fourth highest paid person from the information that I have found from government salaries.com. He is the fourth highest superintendent paid in the state. If our millage increases is that going towards new salaries or will we do something for the students in this parish? I moved here in 2016 and it seems like the school system is going down and down and it is not increasing anyway shape or form. We are closing schools and everything is degrading. It does not seem right to get more millage to throw more money to a failing school system is not going to work. When you combine a failing ‘F’ school with a ‘C’ school you are not making a better school. I just want to make sure that I am not misunderstanding something and somebody can correct me to the rebuttal to Mr. Batiste because we are not operating on a 1986 budget. Our population in 2000 was 87,700 people in the parish. In 2024 we are down to 80,869 people per the census. Something is wrong with the parish census. The parish is losing people or something is wrong. If anybody can help me out or if anybody have a rebuttal to what I have then that is fine.”

**Councilman Jody White stated,** “I have one question for you sir. Did you or do you plan to give that question to a school board meeting? Did you do that yet? Are you planning to do it?”

**Mr. John Guy stated,** “I have not done that yet.”

**Councilman Jody White questioned,** “Are you planning to attend a school board meeting?”

**Mr. John Guy stated,** “I can.”

**Councilman Jody White stated,** “That is all that I wanted to know. They are good questions but I think that meeting needs to hear that.”

*Mr. John Guy stated*, “The Superintendent came to this council. I was at that meeting so that is why started here.”

*Councilman Jody White stated*, “That definitely needs to be asked at that the next school board meeting.”

*Councilman Dexter Brown stated*, “I just want to piggy back on that situation where Mr. White said that it is basically a school board matter but Mr. Batiste did come here but it is a school board issue. They meet on the first Thursday of every month at 5:00 p.m. if you want to address that. If you would call tomorrow morning and get on the agenda the number is 337-948-3657, that is the St. Landry Parish School Board number. Get on the agenda to pose your questions to them. That is just my first thought. My second thought is this: Parish wide you have a low student population. Yes the school have been there for 7 years and consolidating a school basically saves money for the school district because every day you have lights, transportation and salaries of employees. By closing Opelousas Junior High School and doing a grade configuration from 9<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade for OHS through 7<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade you have a State Board of Education. We have to save money on utilities at Opelousas Junior High School. Mr. Batiste have plans for that facility, they may make offices out of it I am not quite sure of his total plan as of yet but having the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and the 8<sup>th</sup> graders go to Opelousas Senior High, which they can accommodate them, because back in 1987 they have roughly about 1200 students over there so they can accommodate that population. It is basically saving money wherever you can. I know the millage that he had proposed I want to say, correct me if I am wrong, it like 8% will go to salaries of all employees. Everyone will receive a \$2,500.00 raise. The other 20% will go to the facilities of all of the school sites in the parish. We as parish council can only state certain things regarding the school system. I may be off on some of my numbers.”

*Mr. John Guy stated*, “Let me see if I understand you correctly. What you are saying is this: You are going to save money by closing the school then you are going to re-open that facility for offices so you are going to have that cost. I don’t know if that is saving from what you are talking about. It is going to out weight the cost of putting offices in or whatever work is going to be done to that school to make that stuff up but how does that increase the learning ability of getting the children to learn better in the school system by money.”

*Councilman Dexter Brown stated*, “With offices, like right now all buildings at Opelousas Junior High School have the lights on. How many offices may be open or move there or house there I cannot answer that question.”

*Mr. John Guy stated*, “I understand that Mr. Brown but what I am asking you is this:

*Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated*, “Mr. Guy out of all respect to you and I appreciate you coming here tonight but I think you are addressing the wrong group of people.”

*Mr. John Guy stated*, “That is fine.”

*Chairman Wayne Ardoin continued*, “The gentleman gave you the same piece of paper that the superintendent gave to us. Mr. Brown is a school teacher and you even have one of the school board members here tonight. I don’t believe that we need to argue here tonight, I just don’t want it to turn into that. I am seeing some things happening and we need to move on with our meeting.”

*Mr. John Guy stated*, “I am not trying to argue. That is fine. Thank you.”

## **VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Faltery Jolivette to approve **the Regular Meeting Minutes from February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026** as transcribed. **On roll call vote: YEAS:** Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 18<sup>th</sup>, day of March, 2026.

## VII. PARISH PRESIDENT REPORT:

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “The first item is the approval of the Preliminary and Final Plat showing the Re-Subdivision of Lots 5, 6, 7, 8 and 15 creating lots 5-A, 6-A, 7-A, 8-A and 15-A of the Daly Estates Street Address: LA HWY 182 and LA HWY 178, Sunset, LA. This subdivision have already been in place. All they are doing is changing the boundary lines. They are not changing anything else but the boundary lines. We just have to get the council to approve that.”

*Councilman Harold Taylor questioned*, “Have our engineer channeled in on this and gave his approval?”

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “Yes Sir. Someone was suppose to be here tonight to talk about it.”

*Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated*, “Someone is here Mr. Bellard. Sir, you want to come on up and give your name and address and state your business.”

*Mr. Clay Menard addressed the council. He stated*, “My name is Clay Menard. I live at 136 Claivone Drive, Lafayette Louisiana. Like Parish President Bellard said all we are basically doing is moving some boundaries lines at the request of the owner of the property. We are not creating any new lots and we are not deleting any lots from the previously approved subdivision by this body. That is all that we are asking for is to approve this with the new boundaries.”

*Councilman Harold Taylor questioned*, “Did our parish engineer approve this?”

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “Yes sir.”

*Councilman Faltery Jolivette questioned*, “Thank you Mr. Clay for coming. My question is this: Why?”

*Mr. Clay Menard stated*, “One individual purchased all these lots and he wanted to move the lot lines to create smaller lots and make bigger lots just for his own use and his family use. That is the only reason he wanted to do this.”

*Councilman Faltery Jolivette questioned*, “There is no impact on other residents or anything like that?”

*Mr. Clay Menard stated*, “No impact at all with this development other than the boundaries are moving and creating more acers on some lots and creating less acers on other lots.”

*Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated*, “That is located on HWY 182 at the corner of HWY 178. The old Fontenot store was there. It is located on the south area out there. There is one house coming up there right now. It is between Ms. Vivian and my district. Do I have a motion?”

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilman Faltery Jolivette to approve the Preliminary and Final Plat showing the re-subdivision of Lots 5, 6, 7, 8 and 15 creating Lots 5-A, 6-A, 7-A, 8-A and 15-A. Daly Estates Street Address: LA HWY 182 and LA HWY 178, Sunset Louisiana.

**On roll call vote: YEAS:** Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 18<sup>th</sup>, day of March, 2026.

*Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned*, “Mr. Bellard, do you have anything else?”

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “Mr. Chairman, in front of you all you have a Request for Condemnation on Anita Drive.”

*Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated*, “Ms. Cynthia do you want to give us anything on that?”

**Cynthia Fontenot, Code Enforcement Officer stated,** “As the Parish President said the property is located at 166 Anita Drive in the Ko-Ko-Mo Subdivision. We were contacted and a Code Enforcement Office went out and inspected it and they have several violations. Ordinance Section 26-48 Article III -Trash and Junk and vehicles. Ordinance Section 26-80 Article IV- Dangerous Building and Ordinance Section 26-101 Article V- Repair and Maintenance of Sewer Systems. As you can see from the photographs attached it is in very bad shape. A 73 year old gentleman was living in this home and he has not had running water in 8 years. There was no electricity and no sewer system. We are asking at this time if the council would approve condemnation on this property. I spoke with 2 family members, the granddaughter and a niece. They are aware but it has been a lot. This man has been living like this for years in this home and this home is not fit. We are asking to demolish it but we would like to give them 30 days to see if they can get this done. If not then Parish Government would step in and get this property cleaned and demolished.”

**Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned,** “I thought it was another house in the city but where is this man living now?”

**Cynthia Fontenot, Code Enforcement Officer stated,** “The gentleman is at Lafayette General. He is being discharged. He will be placed at Senior Village Nursing Home.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “We are not exactly sure about that information but we know that he is being taken care of.”

**Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated,** “So he will have a place to go. He has no objections? I know that it is condemned. I am just asking.”

**Cynthia Fontenot, Code Enforcement Officer stated,** “The notice as you would see he was taken to the hospital, we were informed. We did place the emergency notice on his home and he is aware of that, he was made aware. We recorded it in the clerk of court and we took all necessary measures.”

**Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned,** “You all are going to give him 30 days to tear it down. What decision are you all giving him to make because I see that it is condemned.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “As in everybody else’s case we give them time to bring it up to code. That is what we are doing. But the condemnation is to make sure that nobody goes back and live in the house in that time frame and that process. That is what we are asking for and we are going to give them 30 days to comply. If they don’t comply then we will tear it down.”

**Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned,** “The bill will go to them?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “We will send a bill but we will also put it on a tax roll.”

**Councilman Faltery Joliette stated,** “When you see sewer system that is not up to par it becomes an environmental issue. I would like to share with the council and the people at that point it becomes a health issue and it could affect neighbors and the whole neighborhood. That is just a FYI with my past experience.”

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to authorize the Parish President to move forward with the Condemnation on the property located at 166 Anita Drive.

**On roll call vote: YEAS:** Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 18<sup>th</sup>, day of March, 2026.

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “That is all that I have Mr. Chairman.”

**Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned,** “Have you had the first hearing with the new Judge?”

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “She is going to have a hearing next month. Passing the ordinance like we did and making it a civil issue with the citations is put in place now. I think there are some tickets that is coming up for a hearing next month.”

*Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated*, “Okay, thank you sir. Do I have a motion to accept the Parish President’s report?”

A motion was made by Councilman Jody White, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to accept the Parish President’s Report.

**On roll call vote: YEAS:** Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 18<sup>th</sup>, day of March, 2026.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**\*Items passed through committee.**

1. **Vote for two appointments for a two-year term to Coulee Croche Fire Protection District No. 4. (04-20-2026 – 04-20-2028). Applicants are: Joy Usie, Kyle Boss and Tyler Cormier.**

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to appoint *Ms. Joy Usie and Mr. Kyle Boss* for a two-year term to Coulee Croche Fire Protection District No. 4. (04-20-2026 – 04-20-2028).

**On roll call vote: YEAS:** Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 18<sup>th</sup>, day of March, 2026

***The votes were as follows:***

<i>Councilman Jody White</i>	Joy Usie	Kyle Boss
<i>Councilwoman Nancy Carriere</i>	Kyle Boss	Tyler Cormier
<i>Councilman Faltery Jolivette</i>	Joy Usie	Kyle Boss
<i>Councilwoman Mildred Thierry</i>	Joy Usie	Kyle Boss
<i>Councilman Harold Taylor</i>	Joy Usie	Kyle Boss
<i>Councilman Ken Marks</i>	Joy Usie	Kyle Boss
<i>Councilman Alvin Stelly</i>	Joy Usie	Kyle Boss
<i>Councilwoman Vivian Olivier</i>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<i>Councilman Dexter Brown</i>	Joy Usie	Kyle Boss
<i>Councilman Timmy Lejeune</i>	Joy Usie	Kyle Boss
<i>Councilman Jimmie Edwards</i>	Joy Usie	Kyle Boss
<i>Councilman Ernest Blanchard</i>	Joy Usie	Kyle Boss

2. **Vote to appoint Joel Brent Breaux for a five-year term to the St. Landry Agricultural Arena Authority. (03-17-2026 – 03-17-2031).**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Ken Marks to appoint Joel Brent Breaux for a five-year term to the St. Landry Agricultural Arena Authority. (03-17-2026 – 03-17-2031).

**On roll call vote: YEAS:** Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 18<sup>th</sup>, day of March, 2026.

3. **Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment for the remainder of a four-year term ending 10-20-2028 to the Public Works Commission District Six.**

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment for the remainder of a four-year term ending 10-20-2028 to the Public Works Commission District Six. **Mr. Dale Polozola has resigned.**

**On roll call vote: YEAS:** Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 18<sup>th</sup>, day of March, 2026.

**IX. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:**

● **ORDINANCE 2026-010**  
(Sponsored by: Councilman Timmy Lejeune)

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH ORDINANCE CHAPTER 44, SECTION 44-14 SO THAT JESSIE RICHARD ROAD AND BEARB ROAD 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 2026-011**  
(Sponsored by: Councilman Alvin Stelly)

**AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY THE MILLAGES FOR THE 2026 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 2026 tax rolls on all property subject to taxation:**

	<b>2026 LEVY</b>
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

**X. ORDINANCE TO BE ADOPTED:**

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to Adopt **Ordinance No. 2026-004**.

**On roll call vote: YEAS:** Jody White, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** Nancy Carriere, Harold Taylor and Ken Marks. **ABSENT:** Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 18<sup>th</sup>, day of March, 2026.

*Councilman Harold Taylor questioned*, “I apologize I did not make the hearing I had another meeting, A sales tax meeting representing the Parish Council. Mr. Bellard on the \$4,100,000.00 that we have here for the Piolet Project do we have any more information as to whether or not we are going to receive \$4,100,000.00 in 2026 or will we receive \$115,000.00 or whatever it is.”

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “Everything stands as it is in the budget as far as we know.”

*Councilman Harold Taylor questioned*, “What happens if it does not come in? Do you have a back up plan by cutting expenses?”

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “Like we always do Mr. Taylor.”

*Councilman Harold Taylor stated*, “We always go to the Bonding Commission to get bailed out. We have been there 3 times and this will be a fourth time.”

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “No that is not correct.”

*Councilman Harold Taylor stated*, “Pardon.”

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “That is not correct.”

*Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “We did not go in 2023 and 2024 and 2025.”*

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

*Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “I believe we did.”*

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Well okay if you think so that is fine.”*

*Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “I am pretty certain we did. Mr. Chairman, I don’t know how we can adopt this without having some kind of historical data that we are going to receive \$4,000,000.00 from a Piolet Program which is the NextEra Project I understand and the Walmart Project.”*

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Not Walmart, Not Walmart.”*

*Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “This is dangerous ladies and gentleman. I just think we need to look at this a little closer and see if we can come up with some idea as a backup plan. That is all I could say. Thank you.”*

*Councilman Ken Marks questioned, “We had requested back up information and we were suppose to have certain people come to address us and that did not occur. How are we to make an intelligent decision going forward with this amount of money with no documentation or backup?”*

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Mr. Marks, like I tell everybody else you all vote the way you all want to vote, we will deal with it. I can’t make people come to these meetings. We have asked and I know the council chair maybe have asked and I know the council secretary have asked. They are not here for two meetings straight. I can’t make them come here and I don’t think you all can either.”*

*Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I think you said not Walmart so everything have not been signed with the Walmart agreement?”*

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No ma’am, not everything. This is not part of the Walmart deal.”*

*Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “So the Walmart Agreement have not been signed yet?”*

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No ma’am. Not the Project Rosie. It was given to this council. If I am not mistaken the council wanted Mr. Eric LaFleur to come to the meeting to discuss it at the last meeting and he did not come and a request was made for him to come to this meeting. The Piolet Program and this does not reflect Walmart.”*

*Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “I am just curious. Sherell did you hear anything back from Mr. Lefleur. What was his reason?”*

*Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “He was out of town.”*

*Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “What about Mr. Rodier?”*

*Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “He is out of town also.”*

*Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Thank you.”*



**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-004**  
**(Sponsored by: Councilman Jimmie Edwards)**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE 2026 OPERATING BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the 2026 St. Landry Parish Operating Budget, herein attached, is hereby adopted to reflect the detailed estimate of revenues and expenses for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026, being the same is hereby

adopted to serve as the operating Budget of Revenues and Expenses for the Parish of St. Landry during the said period.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT:**

**Section 1. The attached, detailed estimates of revenues for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026, is hereby adopted to serve as the operating Budget of Revenues for the Parish of St. Landry during the said period.**

**Section 2. The attached estimates of expenditures by department for fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026, is hereby adopted to serve as an operating Budget of Expenditures for the Parish of St. Landry during the said period.**

**Section 3. The adoption of the Operating Budget of Expenditures being the same is hereby declared to operate as an appropriation of the amount therein set forth within the terms of the budget classification.**

**Section 4. Amounts are available for expenditures only to the extent included within the 2026 Budget.**

**Section 5. All power to alter this Budget is reserved by the St. Landry Parish Council.**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to Adopt **Ordinance No. 2026-007**.

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

**WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 18<sup>th</sup>, day of March, 2026.



**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-007**

**(Sponsored by: Councilwoman Mildred Thierry)**

**AN ORDINANCE TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY BEARING PARCEL NUMBER 8178722206 TO AN ADJOINING LANDOWNER OF THE ADJUDICATED PROPERTY AS PER LA R. S. 47:2202 (B)**

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 47:2202 B. states that the governing authority of each political subdivision may allow an adjoining landowner to purchase adjudicated property for any price set by the governing authority without public bidding at a public meeting of the governing authority; provided, that the governing authority determines that the adjoining landowner has maintained the adjudicated property for a period of one year prior to the sale. Such a sale shall be deemed a public sale.

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Government has determined that **Genevieve Zachery** is the adjoining landowner of adjudicated property and has maintained said adjudicated property for a period of one year or more, and thus, **Genevieve Zachery** may purchase the adjudicated property through a public sale without public bidding.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that the following adjudicated property shall be sold by public sale to Genevieve Zachery, an adjoining land owner to the adjudicated property who maintained said adjudicated property for one year or more, without public bidding, for a price set by St. Landry Parish Government, as per LA R. S. 47:2202 B., and said adjudicated property is described as follows:**

**1 LOT 35 (50 X 93.2) CHARLES O. BURR ADD 689829 (1-25-386) 1007796**

**This adjudicated property bearing parcel number 8178722206 in the St. Landry Parish land records which adjoins the property bearing parcel number 0103372500.**

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to Adopt **Ordinance No. 2026-008**.

**On roll call vote: YEAS:** Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 18<sup>th</sup>, day of March, 2026.

**PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS FOR ORDINANCE NO. 2026-008**

*Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned*, “Are there any questions or comments from anyone regarding this ordinance?”

*Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated*, “I thought that we had already done this. Remember when Pat Manuel wanted that adjudicated property next to hm. I thought this ordinance was already in place.”

*Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated*, “I cannot answer that. I remember something about Pat Manuel wanting to buy a piece of property.”

*Legal counsel Garrett Duplechain stated*, “I tracked it and I wrote it. It is not the same ordinance.”

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “No, this is a different piece of property.”

*Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated*, “Does that answer your question Mr. Blanchard?”

*Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated*, “Yes sir.”



**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-008**  
**(Sponsored by: Councilman Ken Marks)**

**AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 2025-035, WHICH IS AN ORDINANCE TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY TO AN ADJOINING LANDOWNER OF THE ADJUDICATED PROPERTY, DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE OWNER OF THE ADJUDICATED PROPERTY REDEEMED THE PROPERTY PRIOR TO ORDINANCE NO. 2025-035 BEING ENACTED**

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 2025-035 was enacted by the St. Landry Parish Council on October 15, 2025, and said Ordinance ordained that adjudicated property bearing parcel number 0105907050C would be sold to the adjoining landowner, Gilda Gretchain, as per LA R. S. 47:2202 (B).

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 2025-035 was recorded in the Conveyance records of the St. Landry Parish Clerk of Court on October 16, 2025, under Act number 1274250.

**WHEREAS**, the owner of the adjudicated property, James Larry Thibodeaux, redeemed the property prior to Ordinance No. 2025-035 being enacted.

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

**WHEREAS**, the St. Landry Parish Council shall repeal Ordinance No. 2025-035 because the adjudicated property has been redeemed by the owner of the property.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT** that St. Landry Parish Ordinance number 2025-035, which conveys formerly adjudicated property bearing parcel number 0105907050C, and being described as 1 LOT TRACT 8-C (53.75X197.24) (.243 AC) PARTITION OF LOT 8 OF LEONARD CHENIER ESTATE, N TRACT 8-D; S TRACK 8-B; E LAZARD; W LOT 7, IN SEC. 71, T-5-S, R-3-E, 1034295 PLAT, to the adjoining landowner of that property, 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 1274250 in the Conveyance records of the St. Landry Parish Clerk of Court.

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to Adopt **Ordinance No. 2026-009**.

**On roll call vote: YEAS:** Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 18<sup>th</sup>, day of March, 2026.

**PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS FOR ORDINANCE NO. 2026-009**

*Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned,* “Are there any questions or comments from anyone regarding this ordinance?”

*Councilman Ernest Blanchard questioned,* “How many houses are on Batiste Road?”

*Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated,* “I have no idea. Who district does Batiste Road belong to?”

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,* “Batiste Road is about 1,100 feet. I don’t think there are any house on that road.”

*Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated,* “Nobody lives on that road.”

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,* “I don’t believe anybody lives down there. I think it is just and old road that has been there forever. It is one of those roads that might go to one place or something but it 1,100 feet. It is off of Duplechin Road. Who has Duplechin Road?”

*Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,* “Batiste Road is off of Duplechin Road. Batiste Road is a dirt road that would separate the properties. Remember that guy that came here? There was a guy that came and argued about that. He does not own that.”

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,* “That is what we are being told. There is nothing down there.”

*Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,* “It is just a field.”

*Councilman Jody White stated,* “It is in my district.”

*Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned,* “Do you have any problems with abandoning it?”

*Councilman Jody White stated,* “No.”



**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-009**  
**(Sponsored By: Councilman Ken Marks)**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ABANDON BATISTE ROAD IN ST. LANDRY PARISH**

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Government has decided to abandon Batiste Road in St. Landry Parish because Batiste Road 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 Batiste Road in St. Landry Parish is hereby abandoned.**

**XI. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:**

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to **Adopt Resolution No. 003-2026**.

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

Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 18<sup>th</sup>, day of March, 2026.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 003-2026**

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Bellevue and Coulee Croche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, on Saturday, June 27, 2026, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Bellevue and Coulee Croche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Bellevue and Coulee Croche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on March 3, 2026, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, June 27, 2026, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

**WHEREAS**, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Parish Council to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

**SECTION 1.** In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Bellevue and Coulee Croche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, this Parish Council hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, June 27, 2026, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

#### **PROPOSITION (MILLAGE RENEWAL)**

Shall Bellevue and Coulee Croche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a special tax of 7.84 mills on all the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$210,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, operating and improving the Gravity Drainage Works in the District?

**SECTION 2.** In the event the election carries, this Parish Council does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.



A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to Adopt **Resolution No. 004-2026**.

**On roll call vote: YEAS:** Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 18<sup>th</sup>, day of March, 2026.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 004-2026**

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Fire Protection District No. 6 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, June 27, 2026, to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 6 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 6 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on March 10, 2026, calling a special election in the

District on Saturday, June 27, 2026, to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

**WHEREAS**, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Parish Council to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

**SECTION 1.** In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 6 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, this Parish Council hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, June 27, 2026, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION  
(TAX CONTINUATION)**

Shall Fire Protection District No. 6 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a special tax of 5.16 mills (the "Tax") on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$198,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of maintaining and operating fire protection facilities, purchasing firefighting equipment and paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes, provided that a portion of the Tax proceeds is required to be contributed to state and statewide retirement systems as provided in R.S. 11:82, said millage to represent a 0.64 mills increase (due to reappraisal) over the 4.52 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2026 pursuant to an election held on November 21, 2015?

**SECTION 2.** In the event the election carries, this Parish Council does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.



A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to Adopt **Resolution No. 005-2026**.

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

**WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 18<sup>th</sup>, day of March, 2026.

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “Just to give you all some back ground on this this is some money that came from COVID that the state had for the parish. They picked these two bridges to be replaced. The one by Solid Waste obviously because it had some problems and it is the only one that crosses and also on Phillip Street. It was something that was picked by the state on behalf of the parish but it was their money. It is not coming from us.”

**RESOLUTION NO. 005-2026**

**WHEREAS**, there are documents and requests that St. Landry Parish Government needs to sign regarding any and all contracts on behalf of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development involving the following projects: State Project No. H.015505 (Solid Waste Road over Bayou Boeuf) and State Project No. H.015510 (Phillip Street over Bayou Yarbor).

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the St. Landry Parish Council that the St. Landry Parish President, Jessie Bellard, is authorized to sign any and all documents and requests

on behalf of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development involving the following projects: State Project No. H.015505 (Solid Waste Road over Bayou Boeuf) and State Project No. H.015510 (Phillip Street over Bayou Yarbou).



A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to Adopt **Resolution No. 006-2026**.

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

**WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 18<sup>th</sup>, day of March, 2026.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 006-2026**

A Resolution authorizing St. Landry Parish to participate in the recent national settlements with Remnant Defendants (“2026 Remnant Defendants Settlements”), arising from or relating to St. Landry Parish’s claims in the national opioid litigation, in conjunction with and pursuant to the previously agreed to Louisiana Memorandum of Understanding with the Louisiana Attorney General’s Office (“Louisiana MOU”).

**WHEREAS**, St. Landry Parish has suffered harm from the opioid epidemic;

**WHEREAS**, St. Landry Parish recognizes that the entire State of Louisiana has suffered harm as a result from the opioid epidemic;

**WHEREAS**, the State of Louisiana has a pending action in state court, and a number of Louisiana Parishes, Cities and Special Districts have also filed actions in state court or have been transferred to, or directly in, *In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL No. 2804 (N.D. Ohio) (the “Opioid Litigation” or “national opioid litigation”).

**WHEREAS**, St. Landry Parish is a litigating political subdivision and has a pending action in the Opioid Litigation;

**WHEREAS**, the 2026 Remnant Defendants Settlements were publicly announced to all potential participating subdivisions nationwide on or around March 5, 2026;

**WHEREAS**, St. Landry Parish recognizes, acknowledges and accepts that it is eligible to participate in the recently announced 2026 Remnant Defendants Settlements, even though some of the remnant defendants were not a named party in St. Landry Parish’s pending action;

**WHEREAS**, participation in the 2026 Remnant Defendants Settlements by a large majority of Louisiana cities, parishes and special districts will maximize the amount of funds allocated for Louisiana under the Settlement Agreement;

**WHEREAS**, failure to participate in the 2026 Remnant Defendants Settlements will reduce funds available to the State, St. Landry Parish, and every other Louisiana City, Parish and Special District;

**WHEREAS**, St. Landry Parish’s private attorneys from Neblett, Beard & Arsenault (and other co-counsel firms) have sufficiently explained the details of the 2026 Remnant Defendants Settlements to St. Landry Parish (through its Legal Advisor/Counsel), St. Landry Parish has had an opportunity to ask questions concerning same, and St. Landry Parish’s private attorneys have satisfactorily answered those questions to the best of their ability and based on currently available information;

**WHEREAS**, St. Landry Parish’s private attorneys from Neblett, Beard & Arsenault (and other co-counsel firms) firmly believe that St. Landry Parish’s participation in the 2026 Remnant Defendants Settlements is and will be in St. Landry Parish’s best interest;

**WHEREAS**, St. Landry Parish’s private attorneys from Neblett, Beard & Arsenault (and other co-counsel firms) strongly recommend that St. Landry Parish participate in the 2026 Remnant Defendants Settlements arising from or relating to St. Landry Parish’s pending action and claims in the national opioid litigation, and agree to be bound by the terms thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Landry Parish finds it prudent, appropriate and necessary to: (1) authorize the Parish President to agree to the 2026 Remnant Defendants Settlements arising from or relating to resolution of St. Landry Parish's claims in the National Opioid Litigation and its pending action; and (2) authorize the Parish President to execute any formal agreements required by the Louisiana MOU or required to effect St. Landry Parish's participation in the 2026 Remnant Defendants Settlements, including but not limited to, any Subdivision Settlement Participation Form(s)/Agreement(s), Release(s) or other documents required by any Settlement Agreements arising from or relating to resolution of St. Landry Parish's claims in the National Opioid Litigation and pending action.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL:**

**SECTION 1.** That St. Landry Parish finds that participation in the 2026 Remnant Defendants Settlements is in the best interest of St. Landry Parish, its citizens, and its community(ies).

**SECTION 2.** That St. Landry Parish hereby re-affirms its support of a unified plan for the allocation of any funds and use of opioid settlement proceeds as generally described in the previously agreed-to and executed Louisiana MOU.

**SECTION 3.** That Parish President is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents or formal agreements to effectuate St. Landry Parish's participation in the 2026 Remnant Defendants Settlements, including but not limited to, Settlement Participation Form(s)/Agreement(s), Releases and other necessary documents.

**SECTION 4.** That St. Landry Parish's private attorneys from Neblett, Beard & Arsenault (and other co-counsel firms) are authorized to perform any and all work necessary to accomplish St. Landry Parish's participation in the 2026 Remnant Defendants Settlements, and resolution of St. Landry Parish's claims in the National Opioid Litigation and its pending action.

**SECTION 5.** That the Secretary/Clerk be and hereby is instructed to record this Resolution in the appropriate record book upon its adoption.

**SECTION 6.** The Secretary/Clerk is hereby directed to furnish a certified copy of this Resolution to:

**Neblett, Beard & Arsenault  
c/o Dustin C. Carter  
P.O. Box 12120  
Alexandria, LA 71315**

**SECTION 7.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

## **XII. COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to accept the **Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026** as transcribed.

**On roll call vote: YEAS:** Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 18<sup>th</sup>, day of March, 2026.

A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to accept the **Administrative Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026** as transcribed.

**On roll call vote: YEAS:** Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 18<sup>th</sup>, day of March, 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, Alvin Stelly, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None.

**WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 18<sup>th</sup>, day of March, 2026.

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