

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH, 2008 @ 6:00 P.M.**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

The Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, convened in a regular session on this 19th day of February 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

With Chairman Kenneth Vidrine presiding, the meeting was called to order.

The Chairman Kenneth Vidrine requested the Council Clerk to call the roll and the following council members were PRESENT: Jerry L. Red, Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville, and Kenneth Vidrine, Chairman. ABSENT: None.

Councilman Jerry L. Red led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation.

#1 – A motion was made by Councilman Albert Hollier, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Landry Parish Council dispenses with the reading of the minutes of January 15th, 2008, and further that said minutes be approved as prepared.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry L. Red, Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 19th day of February 2008.

#2 – A motion was made by Councilman Jerry L. Red, seconded by all, that a resolution of condolences be adopted and forwarded to the families of the following: Joseph Larry Roberie, Junuis Tyler Sr., Johnny Dunbar Sr., Joseph Leblanc, Russell Guidry, Mabel G. Thibodeaux, Lawrence Thibodeaux, Lily M. Breaux, Ronald Lanclos.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry L. Red, Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 19th day of February 2008.

Brad Brooks, 670 Domengeaux Rd., Cankton, LA addressed the council regarding repairing roads and ditches in his area.

Steven James Estilette, 714 Domengeaux Rd., Cankton, LA addressed the council regarding repairing roads and ditches in his area.

Rickey J. Melancon, 518 Domengeaux Rd., Cankton, LA addressed the council regarding repairing roads and ditches in his area.

Jerry Arredondo, 300 Domengeaux Rd., Cankton, LA addressed the council regarding repairing roads and ditches in his area.

#3 – A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilman Hurlin Dupre to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Landry Parish Council hereby authorizes the Parish President, Don Menard to sign the contract renewing the contract with the fiscal agent, Washington State Bank, for the year 2008-2009.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry L. Red, Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 19th day of February 2008.

#4 – A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilman Albert Hollier to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Landry Parish Council hereby authorizes the Parish President, Don Menard to sign an intergovernmental agreement with the Town of Washington to assist with the animal control facility.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry L. Red, Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 19th day of February 2008.

#5 – A motion was made by Councilman Albert Hollier, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Landry Parish Council hereby accepts the Parish President's report as presented.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry L. Red, Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 19th day of February 2008.

#6 – A motion was made by Councilman Albert Hollier, seconded by Councilwoman Pam Gautreau to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Landry Parish Council hereby request that the Council Chairman and the Parish President negotiate a date scheduling a special meeting to come up with a solution to the road problems in St. Landry Parish giving adequate time to request the assistance of the Legislative Delegation.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry L. Red, Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 19th day of February 2008.

#7 – A motion was made by Councilman Albert Hollier, seconded by Councilman Jay Guidry to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Landry Parish Council hereby accepts the Public Works Report as presented by the Public Works Director, Tim Marks.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry L. Red, Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 19th day of February 2008.

#8 – A motion was made by Councilman Ronald Buschel, seconded by Councilman Hurlin Dupre to amend the agenda to add a resolution:

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry L. Red, Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 19th day of February 2008.

#9 – A motion was made by Councilman Ronald Buschel, seconded by Councilman Hurlin Dupre to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Landry Parish Council hereby request the assistance of FEMA for the residents of the Palmetto area for the Tornado that hit that area during the weekend of February 17, 2008.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry L. Red, Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 19th day of February 2008.

#10 – The St. Landry Parish Council held a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. on February 19, 2008 to receive public comment regarding Ordinance 2008-001. No public comment was received. The hearing was closed. In the regular session, a motion was made by Councilman Ronald Buschel, seconded by Councilman Hurlin Dupre to adopt the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE 2008-001
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 04-0001
Regular Meeting Schedule

Amend Section 2-17 of the St. Landry Parish Ordinances titled "Regular Meeting Schedule" to delete all of the language of said section and replace same with the following language, to wit:
Section 2-17. Regular meeting schedule.

An ordinance setting the regular meeting to be held the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Landry Parish Courthouse, Room 132. Should the regular meeting fall on a legal holiday, it will be held on the first workday following the holiday.

The St. Landry Parish Council shall operate at all regular meetings from a written agenda which must be published at least two (2) days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, prior to the meeting.

(Ord. No. 04-0001)

TENTATIVE MEETING DATES FOR 2008
(3RD Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.)

January 15, 2008

February 19, 2008

March 19, 2008

April 16, 2008

May 21, 2008

June 18, 2008

July 16, 2008

August 20, 2008

September 17, 2008

October 22, 2008

November 19, 2008

December 17, 2008

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry L. Red, Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this ordinance was declared adopted on this 19th day of February 2008.

#11 –The St. Landry Parish Council held a public hearing at 5:45 p.m. on February 19, 2008 to receive public comment regarding Ordinance 2008-002. No public comment was received. The hearing was closed. In the regular session, a motion was made by Councilman Hurlin Dupre, seconded by Councilman Albert Hollier to adopt the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE 2008-002
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2003-3
ARTICLE V. PUBLIC COMMENT AT GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS

AN ORDINANCE OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES
PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA
AND
PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Add to Section 2-91 numbers (5) thru (10) of the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances titled "Procedure for comment for items on the agenda."

AND;

Change comments to read as follows;

"The time limit for public comment by an interested party is five (5) minutes."

AND;

Amend Section 2-101(2) of the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances titled "Procedure for public comment for items not on the agenda," to read as follows;

"The time limit for public comment by an interested party is five (5) minutes."

AND;

Delete from Sec. 2-101, "Procedure for public comment for interested parties and/or group spokesperson to be heard on an item on the agenda by the St. Landry Parish Governing body," (1) thru (6).

DIVISION 2. ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Sec. 2-91. Procedure for public comment for items on the agenda.

All interested parties whose rights may be affected by any matter on the agenda, discussed or to be discussed by the parish government, shall be given the opportunity to be heard at the said government meeting at the time allotted to do so which is hereinafter referred to as the public comment period. Should a group of individuals desire to comment on the same agenda item, the group shall select one (1) individual (hereinafter referred to as group spokesperson) in advance to address the St. Landry Parish Government. The rules, order of business, and procedures whereby interested parties shall be given the opportunity to be heard at parish government meetings are as follows:

(1) Public comment shall be heard immediately following the adoption of the agenda, and shall be limited to those items on the agenda.

(2) Interested parties and/or group spokesperson wishing to comment shall sign in with the secretary of the government prior to the beginning of the government meeting and indicate which agenda item they wish to address.

(3) To the extent possible the government will advise the public prior to

the public comment period of those items that will be taken up by a two-thirds (2/3) vote. In the event the agenda is amended during the meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, the public shall be permitted to comment at that time, prior to the government acting, since the item was unknown at the beginning of the meeting. If an agenda item is set for public hearing, then the public shall only comment during the public hearing, and not during the public comment period.

(4) All interested parties and/or group spokesperson shall be given the opportunity to be heard on the issues of:

- a. Resolutions up for adoption;
- b. Ordinances up for final adoption; and
- c. Any item on the government agenda.

(5) Interested parties and/or group spokesperson wishing to be heard shall submit a completed speaker card [See section 2-92] to the secretary of the government prior to the meeting.

(6) Interested parties and/or group spokesperson wishing to have a question addressed by the parish government must submit the written question to the secretary at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting.

(7) Interested parties will be allowed the floor five (5) minutes to address the government. Group spokesperson will be allowed the floor five (5) minutes to address the government. The government may grant additional time by a two-thirds (2/3) vote if requested.

(8) All discussion shall be limited to the specific subject matter pertaining to the item discussed. Repetitious comments are not permitted. No item previously discussed will be returned to once the government had moved to another topic set forth in the meeting agenda.

(9) Any material an individual and/or group spokesperson wants to distribute must be given to the secretary prior to the commencement of the meeting.

(10) Derogatory remarks by the speaker will not be tolerated and will cause the speakers time to come to an immediate end. There will be no debates with the members on the government.

Comments:

Interested parties and/or group spokesperson wishing to address any of the aforesaid issues shall fill out completely a speaker card. The speaker card shall be returned to the secretary of the St. Landry Parish Government prior to the meeting along with any material wishing to be distributed during the meeting. The time limit for public comment by an interested party is five (5) minutes. The time limit for a group spokesperson is five (5) minutes. If the speaker requests more time, the president of the government will ask members if there is any objection to the same. The speaker shall be granted an additional three (3) minutes if there are no objections by the members of the parish government. Upon an objection, the speaker will be granted the addition of time only upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote in favor of the extension of time.

(Ord. No. 2003-3, § 6, 5-12-03)

DIVISION 3. ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Sec. 2-101. Procedure for public comment for items not on the agenda.

Interested parties desiring to be heard on any item that is not on the agenda will not be heard during the public comment period; however, to be heard the said interested parties shall request to be placed on the agenda. Should a group of individuals desire to comment on the same item, the group shall select one individual (hereinafter referred to as group spokesperson) in advance to address the government. The rules, order of business, and procedures whereby interested parties and/or group spokesperson shall be placed on the agenda and given the opportunity to be heard at government meetings are as follows:

(1) All interested parties and/or group spokesperson, who wish to appear before the government shall submit their requests in writing to the secretary at least ten (10) working days prior

to the meeting. Said request shall contain what matters they wish to address with the parish government. The secretary, upon receipt of request to be placed on the agenda, will forward a copy of the request to the members of the government.

(2) The time limit for public comment by an interested party is five (5) minutes. The time limit for a group spokesperson is five (5) minutes. If the speaker requests more time, the president of the government will ask members if there is any objection to the same. The speaker shall be granted an additional three (3) minutes if there are no objections by the members of the parish government. Upon an objection, the speaker will be granted the addition of time only upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote in favor of the extension of time.

(3) Should the subject matter, being requested to be discussed at a public meeting, be a subject matter that has previously been discussed at a government meeting within the last four (4) months, the parish government shall not hear the matter due to the matter being repetitious.

Delete the following Sec. 2-101(1) thru (6) and add to Sec. 2-91(5) thru (10).

PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FOR INTERESTED PARTIES AND/OR GROUP SPOKESPERSON TO BE HEARD ON AN ITEM ON THE AGENDA BY THE ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNING BODY

(1) Interested parties and/or group spokesperson wishing to be heard shall submit a completed speaker card [See section 2-92] to the secretary of the government prior to the meeting.

(2) Interested parties and/or group spokesperson wishing to have a question addressed by the parish government must submit the written question to the secretary at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting.

(3) Interested parties will be allowed the floor five (5) minutes to address the government. Group spokesperson will be allowed the floor five (5) minutes to address the government. The government may grant additional time by a two-thirds (2/3) vote if requested.

(4) All discussion shall be limited to the specific subject matter pertaining to the item discussed. Repetitious comments are not permitted. No item previously discussed will be returned to once the government had moved to another topic set forth in the meeting agenda.

(5) Any material an individual and/or group spokesperson wants to distribute must be given to the secretary prior to the commencement of the meeting.

(6) Derogatory remarks by the speaker will not be tolerated and will cause the speakers time to come to an immediate end. There will be no debates with the members on the government.

(Ord. No. 2003-3, § 8, 5-12-03, 5-12-03)
Secs. 2-102--2-119. Reserved.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry L. Red, Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this ordinance was declared adopted on this 19th day of February 2008.

#12 – A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilman Ronald Buschel to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Landry Parish Council hereby authorizes Donald Robinson, Sr., Executive Director, St. Landry Parish CAA (A division of St. Landry Parish Government) to executed, effectuate, negotiate, sign and implement all CAA programs contracts, documents and related instruments of St. Landry Parish Community Action Agency, for the current and ensuing years.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry L. Red, Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 19th day of February 2008.

#13 – A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilman Hurlin Dupre to adopt the following authorizing resolution:

AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION

Resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for a grant under 49 CFR 5311, Non-Urbanized Area Formula Program and/or 49 CFR 5309, Discretionary Capital Program.

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation and Development is authorized to make grants for mass transportation projects.

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the provisions by it of the local share of project costs.

WHEREAS, it is required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development in accord with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil rights Act of 1964 and the U. S. Department of Transportation requirements hereunder; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Applicant that minority business enterprise be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with this project, and that definitive procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that minority businesses shall have the maximum feasible opportunity to compete for contracts when procuring construction contracts, supplies, equipment, or consultant and other services:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Landry Parish Government:

1. That the President is authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of St. Landry Parish with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, to aid in financing of operating and/or capital assistance projects to the Rural Public Transit Program, 49 CFR 5311 and/or the Discretionary Capital Program, 49 CFR 5309.
2. That the President is authorized to execute and file with such applications as assurance or any other document required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development effectuating the purposes of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.
3. That the President is authorized to furnish such additional information as the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development may require in connection with the application or the project.
4. That the President is authorized to set forth and execute affirmative minority business policies in connection with the project's procurement needs.
5. That the President is authorized to execute grant contract agreements on behalf of St. Landry Parish with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for aid in financing of the operating or capital assistance projects.
6. This resolution is applicable for a period of one year unless revoked by the governing body and copy of such revocation shall be furnished to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry L. Red, Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on 19th day of February 2008.

#14 – A motion was made by Councilman Glenn Stout, seconded by Councilman Leon Robinson to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Landry Parish Council hereby appoints the following board members to the Prairie Basse Gravity Drainage District No. 15 for a 4 yr term, effective February 2, 2008:

Gabriel Fuselier, term expires February 2, 2012
George Lanclos, term expires February 2, 2012
Charles L. Cain, term expires February 2, 2012
Murphy Guillory, term expires February 2, 2012
Donald R. Dejean, term expires February 2, 2012

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry L. Red, Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Ronald Buschel, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Hurlin Dupre. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 19th day of February 2008.

#15 – A motion was made by Councilman Ronald Bushel, seconded by Councilman Hurlin Dupre to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Landry Parish Council hereby accepts the nominations and reappoints the following board members to Fire District No. 1: (2 yr terms)

Peter Coulon, term expires January 1, 2010
Ricky Conway, term expires January 1, 2010

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry L. Red, Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 19th day of February 2008.

#16 – A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilman Jay Guidry to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Landry Parish Council hereby accepts the nominations and reappoints the following board members to Fire District No. 3: (4 yr terms)

Clifford Theirry, term expires January 1, 2012
Charles K. Dore, term expires January 1, 2012
Charles Ray LeBlanc, term expires January 1, 2012

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry L. Red, Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 19th day of February 2008.

#17 – A motion was made by Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, seconded by Councilman Albert Hollier to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Landry Parish Council hereby accepts the nominations and reappoints the following board members to the Coulee Crouche Fire District No. 4, effective immediately: (2 years term)

Elmo P. Begnaud, term expires December 31, 2009
Gregg A. Cormier, term expires December 31, 2009

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry L. Red, Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 19th day of February 2008.

#18 – A motion was made by Councilman Jay Guidry, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Landry Parish Council hereby accepts the nominations and reappoints the following board members to Fire District No. 6: (2 years term)

Charley Andrepont, term expires January 1, 2010
Chester Wimberely, term expires January 1, 2010

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry L. Red, Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 19th day of February 2008.

#19 – A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Jay Guidry to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Landry Parish Council hereby accepts the nominations and reappoints the following board members to the St. Landry Parish Communications District (911): (4 yr term)

Richard Daigle, term expires January 4, 2012 Eunice PD
James Fontenot, term expires January 4, 2012 Municipal Ass.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry L. Red, Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 19th day of February 2008.

#20 – A motion was made by Councilman Hurlin Dupre, seconded by Councilman Ronald Buschel to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Landry Parish Council hereby accepts the nomination and appoints Jerry P. Arnaud, 439 Rayne Rd., Port Barre, LA 70577 to the District Six Public Works Commission 2 yr term due to the vacancy created by Andy Wheaton reaching his term limit.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry L. Red, Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 19th day of February 2008.

#21 – A motion was made by Councilman Hurlin Dupre, seconded by Councilman Ronald Buschel to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Landry Parish Council hereby accepts the resignation of Ted Tate from District Six Public Works Commission, 2yr term, and accepts the nomination and appoints Grant Guillory, 2079 O G Track Rd., Port Barre, LA 70577 to fill the vacancy created by the resignation.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry L. Red, Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 19th day of February 2008.

#22 – A motion was made by Councilman Hurlin Dupre, seconded by Councilman Ronald Buschel to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Landry Parish Council hereby reappoints Donald Robin, P. O. Box 312,

Port Barre, LA 70577 to the District Six Public Works Commission, 2 yr term.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry L. Red, Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 19th day of February 2008.

#23 – A motion was made by Councilman Glenn Stout, seconded by Councilwoman Pam Gautreau to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Landry Parish Council hereby tables the adoption of a resolution adopting the District Map for Ward One South Gravity Drainage District #1.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry L. Red, Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 19th day of February 2008.

#24 – A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilman Jay Guidry to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Landry Parish Council hereby grants a trail ride permit to Joe Hidalgo, St. Landry Parish Cattlemen's Association for the following day; March 2nd, 2008.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry L. Red, Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 19th day of February 2008.

#25 – A motion was made by Councilman Hurlin Dupre, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Landry Parish Council hereby recommends Johnny Ardoin to the position of St. Landry Parish Justice Of The Peace for Ward 4 District 8 to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Pat Artique, resigned January 10, 2008.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry L. Red, Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 19th day of February 2008.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 2008 AT 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Fekisha Miller, Hurlin Dupre, Ronald Buschel, Glenn Stout, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards and Kenneth Vidrine, Ex Officio. **ABSENT:** None.

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Kenneth Vidrine;
2. Councilman Gary Courville led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Jerry Red led the Invocation.
3. Chairman Kenneth Vidrine requested the Council Clerk to call roll.
4. Chairman, Kenneth Vidrine called for nominations for office of chairman for the Public Works Committee. Councilman Ronald Buschel was nominated for the office of Chairman for the Public Works Committee. The committee voted and unanimously

elected Councilman Ronald Buschel to serve as Chairman of the Public Works Committee for the year 2008;

5. Chairman Kenneth Vidrine announced that Councilman Ronald Buschel will hold the office of Chairman for the Public Works Committee;
6. Chairman Ronald Buschel took the seat, thanked his fellow council members for the office and proceeded to preside over the Public Works Committee meeting;
7. The committee recommends adopting a resolution appointing Councilman Jerry Red as Council Chaplin.
8. The committee recommends that Councilwoman Fekisha Miller replace Councilman Pat Miller on the Police Jury Association Policy Committees.
9. The committee recommends final approval of Crimson Cove-Phase I (Private), Lots 1 thru 14, Section 172, T-7-S, R-4-E, St Landry Parish, located off La. Hwy. 182, Brenda Miller owner/developer, because the private development meets all requirements in accordance with our Parish Code of Ordinances. The St. Landry Parish Government assumes no responsibility for the maintenance of the roadway Egdar Drive and drainage easements located within the development.
10. The committee recommends accepting the Public Works Report as presented by the Public Works Director, Tim Marks.
11. The committee recommends requesting the Legal Advisor, Andrea West, research the legality of passing an ordinance setting the requirements that must be met in order to take in a subdivision as a private road.
12. The committee recommends to the full council that a resolution be adopted authorizing the Parish President, Don Menard, to sign the contract for the renovation of the courthouse bathrooms.
13. The committee recommends moving the discussion to request resumes for new board appointments to the Administrative/Finance Committee.
14. The committee recommends accepting the Parish President Report as presented.
15. The committee recommends adjournment to the next Public Works Committee scheduled for Monday, March 3rd, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by:
/s/ Chairman, Ronald Buschel

#26 – A motion was made by Councilman Albert Hollier, seconded by Councilman Jay Guidry to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Landry Parish Council hereby appoints Councilman Jerry Red as Council Chaplin.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry L. Red, Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 19th day of February 2008.

#27 – A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Landry Parish Council hereby appoints Councilwoman Fekisha Miller to replace former Councilman Pat Miller on the Police Jury Association Policy Committees.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry L. Red, Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 19th day of February 2008.

#28 – A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilman Jay Guidry to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Landry Parish Council hereby grants final approval of Crimson Cove-Phase I (Private), Lots 1 thru 14, Section 172, T-7-S, R-4-E, St Landry Parish, located off La. Hwy. 182, Brenda Miller owner/developer, because the private development meets all requirements in accordance with our Parish Code of Ordinances. The St. Landry Parish Government assumes no responsibility for the maintenance of the roadway Egdar Drive and drainage easements located within the development.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry L. Red, Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 19th day of February 2008.

#29 – A motion was made by Councilman Glenn Stout, seconded by Councilman Leon Robinson to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Landry Parish Council hereby request that the Legal Advisor, Andrea West, meet with the Public Works Director, Tim Marks, and the Parish Engineers, to form a committee to establish a uniform policy for accepting subdivisions in St. Landry Parish.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry L. Red, Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 19th day of February 2008.

#30 – A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilman Albert Hollier to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Landry Parish Council hereby authorizes the Parish President, Don Menard, to sign the contract for the renovation of the courthouse bathrooms.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Leon Robinson, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Dexter Brown, Gary Courville. NAYS: Jerry L. Red, Fekisha Miller, Glenn Stout, Jay Guidry. ABSTAIN: Ronald Buschel, Pam Gautreau. ABSENT: Jimmie Edwards.

#31 – A motion was made by Councilman Ronald Buschel, seconded by Councilman Hurlin Dupre to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Landry Parish Council hereby accepts the Public Works Committee Report as presented and further that all recommendations, in addition to the amendment contained therein be approved.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry L. Red, Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Jimmie Edwards.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 19th day of February 2008.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MONDAY FEBRUARY 4TH, 2008

PRESENT: Jerry L. Red, Leon Robinson, Pam Gautreau, Albert Hollier, Gary Courville, and Kenneth Vidrine, Ex Officio. **ABSENT:** Dexter Brown.

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Kenneth Vidrine;
2. Chairman Kenneth Vidrine requested the Council Clerk to call roll;
3. Chairman Kenneth Vidrine called for nominations for office of chairman for the Administrative/Finance Committee. Councilman Albert Hollier was nominated for the office of Chairman for the Administrative/Finance Committee. Nominations were closed. The committee voted and unanimously elected Councilman Albert Hollier to serve as Chairman of the Administrative Finance Committee for the year 2008;
4. Chairman Kenneth Vidrine announced that Councilman Albert Hollier will hold the office of Chairman for the Administrative/Finance Committee;
5. Chairman Albert Hollier took the seat, thanked his fellow council members for the office and proceeded to preside over the Administrative/Finance Committee;
6. The committee recommends ratifying Glenda H. Zachary as Council Clerk for year 2008.
7. The committee recommends starting the procedure to amend the Public Policy Ordinance mandating speakers to 5 minutes for each speaker and called a public hearing on February 19th, 2008 at 5:45p.m.
8. The committee recommends discussing the adoption a resolution requesting resumes for new board appointments along with a board application at the full council meeting scheduled for February 19th, 2008.
9. The committee recommends requesting the financial annual report to the legislative auditor on each component unit for all the boards in St. Landry Parish.
10. The committee recommends adopting a resolution of support urging the elimination of the Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision. The committee further recommends forwarding a letter of support to the Legislative Delegation requesting their cooperation.
11. The committee recommends adopting a resolution supporting Noble Plastics, Inc. as well as allowing them to receive the local benefits of the Enterprise Zone Program.
12. The committee recommends accepting the Parish President Report as presented.
13. The committee recommends that the Administrative Finance Committee be adjourned to the next committee meeting scheduled for Monday, March 3rd, 2008, immediately following the Public Works Committee.

Submitted by:
/s/ Chairman, Albert Hollier

#32 – A motion was made by Councilman Ronald Buschel, seconded by Councilman Hurlin Dupre to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Landry Parish Council hereby ratifies Glenda H. Zachary as Council Clerk for the year 2008.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry L. Red, Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 19th day of February 2008.

#33 – A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilman Ronald Buschel to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Landry Parish Council hereby request resumes for new board appointments along with a board application. (see form below)

ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT
P.O. Drawer 1550
Opelousas, LA 70570
(337) 948-3688

***Application for Board Appointment
and/or Reappointment***

to: _____

Contact Information:

Name _____

Address _____

City ST ZIP Code _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Voter Registration District _____ Ward _____ Precinct _____

Emergency Contact Person:

Name _____

Address _____

City ST Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Qualifications: (education, brief work history, association, memberships)

Remarks: By applying for this position, how can you benefit the board and the parish?

References:

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry L. Red, Fekisha Miller, Ronald Buschel, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: Leon Robinson, Hurlin Dupre. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 19th day of February 2008.

#34 – A motion was made by Councilman Albert Hollier, seconded by Councilman Jay Guidry to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Landry Parish Council hereby supports urging the elimination of the Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the St. Landry Parish Council hereby request that a letter of support be forwarded to the Legislative Delegation requesting their cooperation.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry L. Red, Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 19th day of February 2008.

#35 – A motion was made by Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, seconded by Councilman Hurlin Dupre to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Landry Parish Council hereby supports Noble Plastics, Inc. as well as allow them to receive the local benefits of the Enterprise Zone Program.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry L. Red, Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 19th day of February 2008.

#36 – A motion was made by Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, seconded by Councilman Hurlin Dupre to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Landry Parish Council hereby accepts the Administrative/Finance Committee Report as presented and further that all recommendations, in addition to the amendment contained therein be approved.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry L. Red, Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 19th day of February 2008.

#37– A motion was made by Councilman Ronald Buschel, seconded by Councilman Hurlin Dupre to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Body adjourns with the next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 19th, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Landry Parish Council Meeting Room 132, St. Landry Parish Courthouse, Opelousas, Louisiana.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry L. Red, Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 19th day of February 2008.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.

GLEND A H. ZACHARY, COUNCIL CLERK