

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL  
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2009 @ 6:00 P.M.**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES**

The Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, convened in a special session on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Leon Robinson.  
Jerry Red led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Members present were: Jerry Red, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Gary Courville. Absent was Jimmie Edwards.

Condolence letters were requested to be sent to the families of the following deceased:  
Nelson Cho Victorian, Hercule Smith and Dorothy Chavis Dumas (requested by Jerry Red);  
Alice Guillory and Joycelyn Quirk (requested by Ronald Buschel);  
Diana A Meche and Martha A. Stelly (requested by Albert Hollier);  
J.C. Davis and Lorena Jones (requested by Leon Robinson).

#1 - A motion was made by Albert Hollier and seconded by Glenn Stout that condolence letters be sent to the families requested. The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Jerry Red, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Bushel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry and Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Jimmy Edwards.

And the motion was declared adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

#2 – Mr. Eli Landry Jr. of 309 Water Tower Rd. addressed the Council with a complaint that when the council members introduced ordinances last month they were not read out to the audience and copies were not provided to the audience. Ms. Andrea West responded to Mr. Landry that by law the council goes through multiple meetings with discussion on ordinance. They are first approved, then introduced, published twice in the newspaper and then voted on for passage. This is to allow plenty enough time for the public to see the ordinances and a public hearing is scheduled before any ordinances are passed.

#3 – A motion was made by Albert Hollier and seconded by Jerry Red to approve the regular council meeting minutes dated March 18, 2009, with the correction of Mr. John W. Mallet's name changed to John "Dudley" Mallet and to approve the minutes of the special meeting on March 18, 2009. The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Jerry Red, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Bushel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry and Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Jimmy Edwards.

And the motion was declared adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

#4 - A motion was made by Ronald Buschel and seconded by Albert Hollier that the highest and best bids be accepted for both pieces of property in accordance with the reading of the bids. Jessie Bellard read the following bids:

Property #1 is located at 770 Hwy 13 in Eunice and appraised at \$10,000.00 (ten thousand dollars). One bid was received from Joey Vidrine in the amount of \$6,666.67 (six thousand six hundred sixty-six dollars and sixty-seven cents).

Property #2 is lots 1 and 2 of Xavier Smith Subdivision on Robert Daily Rd and appraised at \$7,000.00. Bid #1 was received from John Olivier in the amount of \$6,000.00 (six thousand dollars). Bid #2 was received in the amount of \$4,800.00 (four thousand eight hundred dollars).

The vote on the motion to accept the highest bids was as follows:

YEAS: Jerry Red, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Bushel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry and Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Jimmy Edwards.

And the motion was declared adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

#5 - A motion was made by Ronald Buschel and seconded by Albert Hollier to authorize Don Menard, Parish President, to sign a Fair Housing Proclamation. The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Jerry Red, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Bushel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry and Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Jimmy Edwards.

And the motion was declared adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

### **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS,** the 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 is an occasion for all Americans---individually and collectively- to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever it exists; and

**WHEREAS,** this law guarantees each citizen the critical, personal element of freely choosing a home; and

**WHEREAS,** a fair housing law has been passed by the state of Louisiana, and implementation of the law requires the positive commitment, involvement, and support of each of our citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** the departments and agencies of the state of Louisiana are to provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen to freely choose a home will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the options of all.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the St. Landry Parish Government does hereby proclaim April 2009 as

### **FAIR HOUSING MONTH** in the parish of Louisiana.

#6 – A motion was made by Glenn Stout and seconded by Hurlin Dupre to approve the request for an ordinance for taxing District 9 road improvements to patch and overlay the following roads for the specified lengths:

Old Spanish Trail (2,112 ft.)  
Andre Martin Road (1,050 ft.)  
Willis Drive (1,005 ft.)  
Santa Maria Drive (870 ft.)  
Ave of Acadiana (528 ft.)

Mayflower Dr. (820 ft.)  
Country Ridge Rd. (1,584 ft.)  
Meadow Run Rd. (1,815 ft.)  
Linwood Loop (2,935 ft.)  
Ovey Beniot Road (3,570 ft.)

The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Jerry Red, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Bushel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry and Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Jimmy Edwards.

And the motion was declared adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

#7 - A motion was made by Kenneth Vidrine and seconded by Hurlin Dupre to approve the request for an ordinance setting a five ton weight limit on Herbert Ortego Rd. The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Jerry Red, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Bushel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry and Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Jimmy Edwards.

And the motion was declared adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009. This ordinance will be introduced on May 20<sup>th</sup> and a public hearing will be held on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

#8 - A motion was made by Leon Robinson and seconded by Kenneth Vidrine to approve the request for an ordinance setting a five tone weight limit on Gulino Rd. The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Jerry Red, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Bushel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry and Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Jimmy Edwards.

And the motion was declared adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009. This ordinance will be introduced on May 20<sup>th</sup> and a public hearing will be held on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

#9 – A motion was made by Fekisha Miller and seconded by Jerry Red to form three focus groups (User Fees, Existing Funds and Sales/Other taxes) to research options to raise funds for road improvement. The vote was as following:

YEAS: Jerry Red, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Hurlin Dupre, Pam Gautreau, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry and Gary Courville. NAYS: Glenn Stout, Albert Hollier. ABSTAIN: Ronald Buschel. ABSENT: Jimmy Edwards.

And the motion was declared adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

#10 - A motion was made by Fekisha Miller and seconded by Jerry Red to form the focus groups at the next committee meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup>. The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Jerry Red, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry and Gary Courville. NAYS: Glenn Stout. ABSTAIN: None. Ronald Buschel. ABSENT: Jimmy Edwards.

And the motion was declared adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

#11 – A motion was made by Albert Hollier and seconded by Jay Guidry to approve the Acadiana Crime Lab's 2009 Proposed Budget. The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Jerry Red, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Bushel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry and Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Jimmy Edwards.

And the motion was declared adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

#12 – A motion was made by Jay Guidry and seconded by Jerry Red to authorize Parish President, Don Menard, to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Recovery Authority. The vote was as followed:

YEAS: Jerry Red, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Bushel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry and Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Jimmy Edwards.

And the motion was declared adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

#13 – A motion was made by Pam Gautreau and seconded by Fekisha Miller that the Council support Second Harvest. The vote was as followed:

YEAS: Jerry Red, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Bushel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry and Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Jimmy Edwards.

And the motion was declared adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

#14 - Mr. Don Menard reported that a nation-wide permit has been granted for a 314 mile pipeline to be installed by Wilco. The company will be responsible for any damages they cause to any roads in the districts of our parish.

There was a meeting regarding the old 190 Bridge and it was decided that whoever is responsible for damaging the bridge will cover replacement. This is not the responsibility of St. Landry Parish Govt.

#15 - Hurlin Dupre reported that the 2 O'Clock Bridge has rotten docks that need replacing. The bridge at Half Moon is also in need of repairs.

#16 - Mr. Menard reported that the parish has been allocated \$382,000 (three hundred eighty two thousand dollars) as being eligible for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program. There are plans to replace the lighting of all parish government buildings with energy efficient materials.

Because of the opportunities for various grant monies, Mr. Menard proposes the parish hires a consultant to advise the parish in application for such funds.

#17 - A ribbon cutting ceremony on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 5pm and a health fair on May 9<sup>th</sup> from 11am-2pm has been scheduled at the Eunice Health Unit.

#18 - The floor plan of a renovated Old City Market turned into a council meeting room was presented to the council by Mr. Menard.

#19 - A motion was made by Fekisha Miller and seconded by Dexter Brown to move forward with accepting bids on renovating Old City Market. The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Jerry Red, Fekisha Miller, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry and Gary Courville. NAYS: Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel. ABSTAIN: Hurlin Dupre.

ABSENT: Jimmy Edwards.

And the motion was declared adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

#20 - A motion was made by Ronald Buschel to table further action on renovating the Old City Market pending the outcome of the Tourist Commission's relocating actions.

Due to no second motion, this motion died.

#21 - A motion was made by Ronald Buschel and seconded Jay Guidry to accept the parish president's report. The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Jerry Red, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Bushel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry and Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Jimmy Edwards.

And the motion was declared adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

#### PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

#22 – Mr. Tim Marks reported that a meeting with Mr. Jerry Guidry regarding his request for a variance on the size of mobile home lots has been scheduled. Mr. Guidry has been advised that if he will sell lots, he must follow the subdivision ordinance. The lot width must have a 50 ft. frontage to allow sufficient space between trailers in a mobile home park.

#23 – Mr. Marks presented a Public Works request to have the Parish Council adopt a resolution requesting the Senate on House Resolution to appoint a study committee to look at ways of reducing flooding in areas of St. Landry Parish which lay within the boundary of the Mississippi Flood Plain.

#24 – A motion was made by Ronald Buschel and seconded by Dexter Brown that the Public Works report be accepted as presented. The vote was as followed:

YEAS: Jerry Red, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Bushel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry and Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Jimmy Edwards.

And the motion was declared adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

#25 – A motion was made by Fekisha Miller and seconded by Dexter Brown to have the legal advisor edit the current fence ordinance for improvements and clearer language. Ms. Miller commented that St. Martin Parish currently has a good ordinance to look at as an example. The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Jerry Red, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Bushel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry and Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Jimmy Edwards.

And the motion was declared adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

#26 – A motion was made by Ronald Buschel to accept the Public Works Report as presented by Tim Marks. The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Jerry Red, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Bushel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry and Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Jimmy Edwards.

And the motion was declared adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

#27 – A motion was made by Ronald Buschel and seconded by Dexter Brown to change the order of the agenda to allow discussion on Summary No. 004 OR immediately. The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Jerry Red, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Bushel, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry and Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT FROM VOTING: Jerry Red, Hurlin Dupre.  
ABSENT: Jimmy Edwards.

And the motion was declared adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

#28 – A motion was made by Kenneth Vidrine and seconded by Dexter Brown to approve Summary No. 004 OR, providing for the incurring of debt and issuance of One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000.00) of Certificates of Indebtedness.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2009-004**

An Ordinance providing for the incurring of debt and issuance of One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000) of Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2009, of the St. Landry Parish Government, Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, prescribing the form, terms and conditions of said Certificates, designating the date, denomination and place of payment of said Certificates, providing for the payment thereof in principal and interest; and providing for the acceptance of an offer for the purchase of said Certificates, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

The Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote hereon was as follows:

**YEAS: Jerry Red, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Gary Courville**

**NAYS: None.**

**ABSENT: Jimmie Edwards.**

**THUS DONE**, adopted and signed on this the 15<sup>TH</sup> day of APRIL, 2009.

#29 – A motion was made by Glenn Stout and seconded by Jay Guidry to adopt the Amendment to Ordinance No. 2008-011, the Subdivision Ordinance. The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Jerry Red, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Bushel, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry and Gary Courville. NAYS: Hurlin Dupre. ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Jimmy Edwards.

And the motion was declared adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

#### **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES**

##### **ORDINANCE # 2008-011 – SUBDIVISIONS**

**Amend Section 7.101 to include language as follows:**

**“The St. Landry Parish Government shall not accept any private subdivisions.”**

**Amend Section 7.201 to delete the following language:**

**“The St. Landry Parish Government shall not accept any private subdivisions.”**

#30 – A motion as made by Glenn Stout and seconded by Albert Hollier to accept Summary No. 003 OR which states that the parish shall no longer accept non-hard surface roads. The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Jerry Red, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Gary Courville. NAYS: Hurlin Dupre, Jay Guidry, Ronald Buschel. ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Jimmy Edwards.

And the motion was declared adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2009-003**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH  
CODE OF ORDINANCES**

**ACCEPTANCE OF NON-HARD SURFACE ROADS**

- 1) The parish shall no longer allow and/or accept the development of non-hard surface roads in or outside the jurisdiction of the St. Landry Parish Subdivision Ordinance, with the exception of inherited property as described in Part 2, Exceptions, Sec. 2.106 of the St. Landry Parish Subdivision Ordinance;**
- 2) All roads developed within St. Landry Parish after the passage of this ordinance shall follow the guidelines and specifications as set forth in Sec. 10.4, Minimum Construction and Design Standards for Hard Surface Roads, of the St. Landry Parish Subdivision Ordinance; and,**
- 3) All private non-hard surface roads developed prior to the adoption of this ordinance and/or with the exception of inherited property shall follow the guidelines and specifications as set for in our parish Code of Ordinances, Sec. 16-17, Policy and Procedures for Acceptance of Non-hard Surface Roads into the Parish Road System.**

#31 – A motion was made by Pam Gautreau and seconded by Dexter Brown to approve the application for the Cankton Wagon Festival & Trail Ride to be held May 15-17, 2009. The vote was as follows:  
YEAS: Jerry Red, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Bushel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry and Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Jimmy Edwards.

And the motion was declared adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

#32 – A motion was made by Pam Gautreau and seconded by Dexter Brown to reappoint Mr. Charles James and Mr. John Ronnie Daigle to serve on the South St. Landry Community Library District for a term of 5 years to begin on April 1, 2009. The vote was as follows:  
YEAS: Jerry Red, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Bushel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry and Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Jimmy Edwards.

And the motion was declared adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

#33 – A motion was made by Jay Guidry and seconded by Pam Gautreau to appoint Mr. Michael Keith Saucier to serve on the Bayou Plaquemine Gravity Drainage Board to replace Mr. Watson Champagne, who resigned from his position. Mr. Saucier will serve a term to begin May 1, 2009, until May 1, 2011. The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Jerry Red, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Bushel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry and Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Jimmy Edwards.

And the motion was declared adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

#34 – A motion was made by Albert Hollier and seconded by Gary Courville to table the appointment of any members to the St. Landry-St. Martin Hospital Service District due to no applicants.

A motion was made by Ronald Buschel and seconded by Gary Courville to table the appointment of any members to Fire District No. 7 due to no applicants.

The vote was as follows on tabling appointments of St. Landry-St. Martin Hospital Service Dist. And Fire Dist. No. 7:

YEAS: Jerry Red, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Bushel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry and Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Jimmy Edwards.

And the motion was declared adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

#35 – A motion was made by Glenn Stout and seconded by Gary Courville to approve Summary No. 24 RS, an Emergency Millage Election for Prairie Basse Gravity Drainage Dist. No. 15, to be held May 30, 2009. The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Bushel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry and Gary Courville. NAYS: Jerry Red. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Jimmy Edwards.

And the motion was declared adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

Jerry Red questioned why this request was presented for approval at late notice. The answer was unknown but Mr. Menard advised that they approve the election due to the need for the item to be on the ballot. Ronald Buschel questioned why locally elected councilman cannot serve as members on drainage and fire district boards. Andrea West answered that is it stated in the Charter that the Parish President can serve as a non-voting member.

#36 - A motion was made by Ronald Buschel and seconded by Pam Gautreau that a letter be sent from the office of Don Menard to all boards and commissions of the parish stating that if current members fail to manage the business of the district properly, the council will take over their operations. The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Jerry Red, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Bushel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry and Gary Courville. NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Jimmy Edwards.

And the motion was declared adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

Mr. Menard called the council's attention to the volunteer board of the St. Landry Parish Airport Authority who meet once a month and there have been financial problems. He advises that the council step in and handle the financial management of this authority. Jay Guidry requested this topic be placed on the agenda of the next committee meeting for discussion

#37 – A motion was made by Hurlin Dupre and seconded by Ronald Buschel that the agenda be amended to include discussion on an emergency election to be held in East St. Landry Consolidated Gravity Drainage Dist. No. 1. The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Jerry Red, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Bushel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry and Gary Courville. NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Jimmy Edwards.

And the motion was declared adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

#38 – A motion was made by Hurlin Dupre and seconded by Jay Guidry to adopt a resolution approving the holding of an emergency millage election for East St. Landry Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 on May 30, 2009. The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Bushel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry and Gary Courville. NAYS: Jerry Red.

ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Jimmy Edwards.

And the motion was declared adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

#38 – A motion was made by Hurlin Dupre and seconded by Ronald Buschel to adopt Summary No. 025 RS to support funding of the agriculture and forestry industry. The vote was as follows:

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YEAS: Jerry Red, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Bushel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry and Gary Courville. NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Jimmy Edwards.

And the motion was declared adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 09-025

A Resolution by  
St. Landry Parish Government

To express St. Landry Parish's support for the advancement and the sufficient funding of the agriculture and forestry industry in the state of Louisiana for fiscal year 2009-10.

WHEREAS, the agriculture industry in Louisiana has been and continues to be a major contributor to the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, the agriculture industry has a nearly \$30 billion economic value to the state of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, proposed budget cuts for fiscal year 2009-10 to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry and to the LSU AgCenter would be detrimental to agricultural development, long-standing research and extension services afforded to the farmers and youth in all 64 parishes, while adversely impacting the quality, safety and affordability of the food supply for our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the LSU AgCenter implements a very effective 4-H youth development program impacting over 240,000 youth and 52,000 4-H club members in 64 parishes. This program is vital to the education and life skill development of Louisiana's future; and

WHEREAS, over 130 local parish governments, consolidated governments, school boards, district attorney's and sheriffs in Louisiana are currently participating in and supporting cooperative agreements with the LSU AgCenter through Parish level programs; and

WHEREAS, through this partnership, research-based information is developed and transferred through an effective system in every parish using grass roots advisory councils that identify local needs, based on citizen involvement; and

WHEREAS, recommended budget cuts to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry cripples the ability of the department to eradicate the boll weevil and severely diminishes the ability of the state to detect and suppress wildland fires; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE St. Landry Parish Government is committed to restoring sufficient funding to the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry and to the LSU AgCenter.

#39 – Fekisha Miller suggested a petition be sent out to area residents requesting their opinion on increasing the speed limit. She suggested council agreement with a minimum of a 60% vote of the residents. The petition would be present in the event residents do not attend a public hearing.

#40 - A motion was made by Albert Hollier and seconded by Jay Guidry that a decision on increasing the speed limit on Don Guilbeau Rd. be tabled until further discussed in the next committee meeting.

#41 – A motion was made by Albert Hollier and seconded by Jerry Red that the Office of Public Works creates a petition to collect the opinions of residents of Don Guilbeau Rd. to aide in the decision of a speed limit increase. The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Jerry Red, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Bushel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry and Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Jimmy Edwards.

And the motion was declared adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

#42 - A motion was made by Ronald Buschel and seconded by Glenn Stout to accept the Public Works Committee Minutes with the corrected spelling of Pitre Rd on items #24 and 25. The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Jerry Red, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Bushel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry and Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Jimmy Edwards.

And the motion was declared adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

#43 – A motion was made by Gary Courville and seconded by Jay Guidry that thank you notes go out to the Solid Waste Commission for sending job applications to high school kids throughout the parish for summer employment. The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Jerry Red, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Bushel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry and Gary Courville. NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Jimmy Edwards.

And the motion was declared adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

#44 – Pam Gautreau inquired about a request made by Gary Courville for a report of employees' salaries. She added to the request that the fund each employee is paid from be supplied in the report. Jessie Bellard responded that the report would be available the next business morning. Legal Advisor, Andrea West, noted that supplying only name and salary is safe to disclose in the requested report.

#45 - A motion was made by Albert Hollier and seconded by Ronald Buschel, to accept the minutes of the Administrative Finance Committee. The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Jerry Red, Fekisha Miller, Ronald Bushel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry and Gary Courville. NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT FROM VOTING: Kenneth Vidrine. ABSENT: Jimmy Edwards.

And the motion was declared adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

#46 – A motion was made by Ronald Buschel and seconded by Hurlin Dupre to adjourn.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE:

NOVELLA RICHARD  
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL