

**ST LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2010 @ 6:00 p.m.**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, convened in a special session on this 19th day of May, 2010, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glenn Stout. Members present were Jerry Red, Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville and Glenn Stout, Chairman.

#1 - Condolences were requested to be sent to the families of the following deceased members:

K. Vidrine: Debra Prejean (Sibille Funeral Home), Lynch Sylvester (Ardoin's of Ville Platte).

H. Dupre: Patsy Stelly (LaFonde Ardoin, Opelousas), Helen Johnson Robin (Sibille), Eva Lea Leger (Sibille), Michael Ryan Hall (LaFonde Ardoin, Krotz Springs), Jeffrey Joseph Vizinat (LaFonde Ardoin, Opelousas), Herbert Belleau (Melancon Funeral Home).

Jerry Red: August Pitre, Sr. (Ford & Joseph Funeral Home), Glenda Mitchell (Ford & Joseph), Mason Arvie (Williams), Sheena Comeaux (Ford & Joseph), Elizabeth Callias (Williams), Jeffrey Vizinat (LaFonde Ardoin), Bobby Hebert.

Albert Hollier: Beverly O. Darby and Edstine J. Hebert, Sr.

Pam Gautreau: Mrs. Lois Cormier and Bobby Hebert (Sibille, Sunset).

Dexter Brown: Bobby Hebert, Joseph R. Carrier (Williams) and Mason Arvie.

Gary Courville: Chester Lee Bergeaux, Sr. and Lisa Rougeau.

Glenn Stout: Lydia Kady Brasseux and Mr. Paul Kimball of Melancon Funeral Home.

#2 - A motion was made by Albert Hollier and seconded by Jimmie Edwards to accept condolence requests. The vote was as follows: YEAS: Leon Robinson, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Jerry Red, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. Absent: Fekisha Miller. And the motion was declared adopted this 19th day of May, 2010.

#3 - Mr. John Dupre of 232 Daisy Lane, Opel., addressed the Council regarding ordinances pertaining to the physical location of towing and recovery services and salvage yards with junked automobiles.

Pam Gautreau asked Andrea West if other parishes' ordinances related to this subject could be studied. Ms. West said she would provide information at the next meeting.

Fekisha Miller requested that Code Enforcement try to reason with the owner of the property being referred to. Mr. Menard stated that he would send Code Enforcement out again.

#4 - Jacqueline Lastrapes of 8238 Hwy 182, Opel., addressed the council regarding foul smelling fumes from the property next to her house. She has reported complaints to Code Enforcement but has not seen any changes.

#5 - Dexter Brown requested a portion of Charles Burr Rd., addresses 1505 and 1442, to be visited due to a complaint of sewage odor. Mr. Menard responded that the Parish cannot assist in this issue but that the Health Department should be contacted.

#6 - Charles Renaud of 126 Emile St., Opel., addressed the Council regarding his application for reappointment to the St. Landry Parish Airport Authority.

#7 - Eli Landry of 309 Water Tower Rd., Washington, addressed the Council regarding bad road conditions at Country Hill and Water Tower Roads. Mr. Landry also questioned the usage of state funds received for road equipment and roads and voiced objection to SB 482 to abolish taxing districts.

#8 - There was extensive discussion of current conditions of parish roads and plans of attempts for improvements.

#9 - Lawrence Richard of Jim Guillory Rd., Lawtell, addressed the Council regarding the parish making decisions on the demolition of private owned property.

#10 - A motion was made by Albert Hollier and seconded by Pam Gautreau to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the parish council held April 21, 2010. The vote was as follows: YEAS: Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Jerry Red, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Fekisha Miller. And the motion was declared adopted this 19th day of May, 2010.

#11 - Mr. Don Menard presented the Parish President's Report:

- A. The financial report for the month of April was distributed.
- B. The 2010 budget of the Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory was distributed for approval.
- C. Request to take advantage of an opportunity to purchase the old Union Bank building for \$150,000.00 for Drug Court use and the programs the court offers. The monthly lease agreement would possibly be set at \$1300.00 to allow a ten year amortization. Funding for Drug Court comes from the Louisiana Supreme Court. Ms. Pam Bollick, Director of St. Landry Parish Drug Court, addressed the Council regarding a request to purchase the building for their use and support of the life changing programs they offer to people who need help. Melanie Babineau and Jarvis Claiborne, Jr., shared their stories of survival and success thanks to the treatment and second chances they were provided through Drug Court.

#12 - A motion was made by Dexter Brown and seconded by Jay Guidry to authorize Don Menard to begin processing documents for the purchase of the old Union Bank building for the amount of \$150,000.00 and begin to work out details of a lease agreement with the 27th Judicial District. The vote was as follows: YEAS: Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Jerry Red, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre. ABSENT: None. And the motion was declared adopted this 19th day of May, 2010.

#13 - A motion was made by Jay Guidry and seconded by Dexter Brown to approve the Parish President's Report. the vote was as follows: YEAS: Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Jerry Red, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. And the motion was declared adopted this 19th day of May, 2010.

#14 - Mr. Tim Marks presented the Public Works Report.

- A. La. Wildlife & Fisheries requested that Parish Council amend the current No Wake Zone ordinance to include the following:
 - (a) Bada's Landing - Extending a distance of three hundred (300) feet in an easterly and westerly direction of boat ramp on Bayou Courtableau waterway.
 - (b) Hwy. 190 Courtableau Bridge & Courtableau Rd. Wooden Bridge - Beginning at a point one hundred fifty (150) feet north of the intersection of Bayou Courtableau and Bayou Darbonne and extending for a distance of one hundred (150) feet east of the Courtableau Rd. Wooden Bridge on Bayou Darbonne and extending three hundred (300) feet south of the Hwy. 190 Courtableau Bridge and Bayou Courtableau.

#15 - A motion was made by Hurlin Dupre and seconded by Dexter Brown to introduce an amendment to the ordinance regarding No Wake Zones to include (a) Bada's Landing - Extending a distance of three hundred (300) feet in an easterly and westerly direction of boat ramp on Bayou Courtableau waterway and (b) Hwy. 190 Courtableau Bridge & Courtableau Rd. Wooden Bridge - Beginning at a point one hundred fifty (150) feet north of the intersection of Bayou Courtableau and Bayou Darbonne and extending for a distance of one hundred (150) feet east of the Courtableau Rd. Wooden Bridge on Bayou Darbonne and extending three hundred (300) feet south of the Hwy. 190 Courtableau Bridge and Bayou Courtableau. A public hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. before the next regular meeting on June 16, 2010.

The vote was as follows: YEAS: Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Jerry Red, Albert Hollier, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSENT FROM VOTING: Pam Gautreau. And the motion was declared adopted this 19th day of May, 2010.

#16 - A motion was made by Albert Hollier and seconded by Jay Guidry to accept the Public Works report. The vote was as follows: YEAS: Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Jerry Red, Albert Hollier, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSENT FROM VOTING: Pam Gautreau. And the motion was declared adopted this 19th day of May, 2010.

#17 - A motion was made by Albert Hollier and seconded by Jay Guidry to adopt the Proposed 2010 Budget of Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory. The vote was as follows: YEAS: Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Jerry Red, Albert Hollier, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSENT FROM VOTING: Pam Gautreau. And the motion was declared adopted this 19th day of May, 2010.

#18 - A motion was made by Jerry Red and seconded by Dexter brown to amend the minutes of November 19, 2008, changing item #10, the second sentence, to read Critter Creek instead of Critter Road. This amendment is necessary in order to match the listing of 911 Communications. The vote was as follows: YEAS: Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Jerry Red, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. And the motion was declared adopted this 19th day of May, 2010.

#19 - A motion was made by Hurlin Dupre and seconded by Dexter Brown to introduce an amendment to Ordinance No. 2005-0009, **AN ORDINANCE OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2005-0009** to include the following street(s):

1. Midway Lane, Opelousas.
2. Smith Lane, Opelousas.
3. Tulip Drive, Opelousas.

Amend Ordinance 2005-0009 of the Parish Ordinances titled "An Ordinance of the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances to Establish Rules and Regulations for Erection and Maintenance of Speed Bumps as a Traffic Control Device within the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana" to add the following section:

Streets and Roads to have Speed Bumps Installed:

1. Midway Lane, Opelousas.
2. Smith Lane, Opelousas.
3. Tulip Drive, Opelousas.

The motion also included scheduling a public hearing at 5:45 p.m. on June 16, 2010.

The vote was as follows: YEAS: Leon Robinson, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Jerry Red, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSENT FROM VOTING: Fekisha Miller. And the motion was declared adopted this 19th day of May, 2010.

#20 - A motion was made by Jerry Red and seconded by Jimmie Edwards to approve a trail ride application for Geraldine Walker and Kountry Bunnies for an event to be held May 30, 2010. The vote was as follows: YEAS: Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Jerry Red, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: Kenneth Vidrine, Hurlin Dupre. ABSTAIN: Ronald Buschel. ABSENT: None. And the motion was declared adopted this 19th day of May, 2010.

#21 - A motion was made by Dexter Brown and seconded by Leon Robinson to reappoint Mr. Charles Renaud to serve on the St. Landry Parish Airport Authority. The motion also included that three appointments be made at the June 16th meeting for terms expiring June 21, 2010. The vote was as follows: YEAS: Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Jerry Red, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Dexter Brown, Jimmie Edwards. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Jay Guidry. ABSENT FROM VOTING: Gary Courville. And the motion was declared adopted this 19th day of May, 2010.

#22 - A motion was made by Dexter Brown and seconded by Jay Guidry to run a second advertisement for one seat to be filled on the board of Fire District No. 3. The vote was as follows: YEAS: Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Jerry Red, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards. NAYS: None. ABSENT FROM VOTING: Gary Courville. And the motion was declared adopted this 19th day of May, 2010.

#23 - A motion was made by Jay Guidry and seconded by Jimmie Edwards to grant final approval for Valley View Mobile Home Park, lots 1 thru 10, owned and developed by Dale and Christine Prudhomme. Partition lots located within Valley View Mobile Park are intended solely for the use of rental property and cannot be sold. Tim Marks, Public Works Director, recommended final approval due to the park meeting all parish specifications according to the parish subdivision ordinance. The vote was as follows: YEAS: Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Jerry Red, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. And the motion was declared adopted this 19th day of May, 2010.

#24 - A motion was made by Dexter Brown and seconded by Jimmie Edwards to amend the agenda to include discussion of a trail ride application submitted by St. James Missionary Baptist Church Mission Ministry. The vote was as follows: YEAS: Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Jerry Red, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. And the motion was declared adopted this 19th day of May, 2010.

#25 - A motion was made by Dexter Brown and seconded by Jimmie Edwards to approve the trail ride application submitted by St. James Missionary Baptist church Mission ministry, c/o Sonja LeDay-Alfred, for an event scheduled June 5, 2010. The vote was as follows: YEAS: Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Jerry Red, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. And the motion was declared adopted this 19th day of May, 2010.

#26 - A motion was made by Ronald Buschel and seconded Hurlin Dupre to adopt the following:

ORDINANCE NO 2010-002

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES
SETTING FORTH THE VOTING PROCEDURE
FOR APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS**

LSA R.S. 42:4.1 states, *“It is essential to the maintenance of a democratic society that public business be performed in an open and public manner and that the citizens be advised of and aware of the performance of public officials and the deliberations and decisions that go into the making of public policy,”* further,

LSA R.S. 42:5(C) states, *“All votes made by members of a public body shall be viva voce and shall be recorded in the minutes, journal, or other official, written proceedings of the body, which shall be a public document.”*

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statutes mandate open and public voting;

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statutes mandate that all votes be “viva voce or with living mouth; and,

WHEREAS, nominees for commission seats out-number the commission seats available.

NOW THEREFORE, the voting procedures for the appointment of commissioners shall be as follows, to wit;

- 1) A list of all eligible nominees for commission seats shall be given to members of the council.
- 2) The nominee list shall be projected onto a screen for public viewing;
- 3) Each council member shall mark on the list the nominee(s) they are voting to appoint;
- 4) Upon roll call, each council member shall verbally name the nominee(s) they are voting to appoint and shall sign the list;
- 5) The council clerk shall, while roll call is being taken, record on the projection screen the votes as they are cast;
- 6) Upon completion or roll call all lists shall be passed to the council clerk for tabulation; and,
- 7) Upon completion of tabulation of votes the names of persons appointed to commissions shall be called in order of votes beginning with the highest number of votes cast per person.

The vote was as follows: YEAS: Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Jerry Red, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. And the motion was declared adopted this 19th day of May, 2010.

#27 - A motion was made by Albert Hollier and seconded by Pam Gautreau to introduce the following:

ORDINANCE NO 2010-003

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES TO
ESTABLISH SPECIFICATION AND POLICIES FOR THE INSTALLATION OF
PARISH CULVERTS/DRIVEWAYS**

ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

Parish Culvert & Driveway Policy/ Specifications

1. Necessary information needed for drainage request or culvert permit:

- a.) Name of applicant
- b.) Mailing address
- c.) Physical address and/or marked location where culvert is to be installed.
- d.) Telephone numbers where applicant/citizen may be contacted.
- e.) Type of work requested

2. Culvert & Driveway Policy/Specifications:

a.) Culverts

1a.) Installation of culverts whether for driveways and/or beautification located on parish roadways shall require a permit from the St. Landry Parish Public Works Department. (Applicant must contact the Public Works Dept. once culverts and/or driveway is installed. Permit is valid for 30 days from inspection date.

2b.) Road Supervisor and/or his designee must do an inspection to determine if installation is allowable for said ditch and proper culvert size required. Inspection should be done within 1(one) week from our Public Works Dept. receiving permit.

3c.) Minimum culvert size of 18 inches (per parish ordinance) is required unless otherwise determined by the parish inspector.

4d.) The Parish Government reserves the right to remove culverts that are not permitted or not installed in accordance with parish specifications.

5e.) The Parish will only dig the area of installation to proper grade & place culvert in ditch for up to 40 feet or less. The citizen will be responsible for necessary dirt, equipment & labor to cover culvert.

b.) Driveways

1a.) If driveway connects to a state highway, citizen is required to contact local DOTD (948-0253) to apply and obtain a state driveway permit.

2b.) The Parish is not responsible for ditches and culverts located on private roads. Citizens on private roads should have properly size culverts installed to grade to insure proper drainage in accordance with Homeowners Association and/or subdivision requirements.

3c.) Culverts for driveways or beautification must be at least 18 inches in diameter (per parish ordinance) or as otherwise determine by the inspector. Some areas may required larger size culverts which will be determined after inspection by the Road Supervisor or his designee.

4d.) If a driveway is over 40 feet it will be classified as beautification. In this situation the responsibility shall be solely placed on citizen to install culvert themselves or by a contractor. A culvert permit is still required and citizen will be responsible to contact the Public Works Dept. once installation is completed so it can be inspected by the Parish Inspector.

5e.) Drop inlet and/or catch basin must be the same size as culvert and installed at a minimum of every 60 feet and set at least 6 inches below shoulder of road as per parish specifications.

6f.) Culvert installation site must be staked or marked with paint at the beginning and ending digging point.

7g.) Scheduling of work orders pertaining to digging of area for placement of driveway culverts will be done once permit applicant has notified the Public Works Dept. that culverts are on site and properly marked.

3. Roadside ditch digging:

a.) Location of area of concern (address if possible)

b.) Problem, i.e. standing water, sewage issues

1a.) Road Supervisor or his designee will do an inspection of area of concern to determine the severity of complaint and prioritize accordingly. If it is determined that complaint is not a priority it will be placed on the regular maintenance schedule.

A Public Hearing will be scheduled to take place on June 16, 2010.

The vote was as follows: YEAS: Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Jerry Red, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. And the motion was declared adopted this 19th day of May, 2010.

#28 - A motion was made by Albert Hollier and seconded by Dexter Brown to adopt Resolution No. 10-008. A resolution to authorize Parish President Don Menard to sign documents and contracts in reference to grant funding of the Renew Louisiana Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) issued by the Department of Natural Resources. This program is for the purpose of implementing energy efficiency and conservation projects of the Renew Louisiana EECBG Program. An addendum to the original contract includes The Grand Coteau Fire Station. The Department of Natural Resources provided \$238,000.00 for buildings not owned by Parish Govt. A federal grant in the amount of \$389,000.00 was allocated for lighting in government owned buildings.

The vote was as follows: YEAS: Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Jerry Red, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. And the motion was declared adopted this 19th day of May, 2010.

#29 - A motion was made by Hurlin Dupre and seconded by Pam Gautreau to adopt the following:

Resolution No. 10-009

Resolution of the St. Landry Parish Government Requesting the Four-Laning or Shared-Laning of U.S. Highway 167 From Nuba to Ville Platte, Louisiana

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 167 is the lifeline that connects Ville Platte to Louisiana, the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 167 provides vital connections for PUBLIC SAFETY; EDUCATION; COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE; ELDERLY SERVICES; HEALTH CARE; and RECREATION AND TOURISM; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 167 serves as a vital alternate evacuation route for the southeastern, southern and southwestern areas of the state in times of emergency and natural disaster; and

WHEREAS, in times of emergency and disaster U.S. Highway 167 provides access to Ville Platte nursing homes, special needs homes, medical facilities, Chicot State Park, and Crooked Creek Recreation Area, as well as countless dwellings provided for evacuees by concerned local citizens; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 167 is a dangerous highway that has had almost 1,100 accidents with 11 lives lost in the 2002-2007 period for this short 12.2 mile section of road which has 10 No-Passing zones and unimproved shoulders; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 167 provides access for the Louisiana National Guard and for reciprocal Mutual Aid between the Ville Platte Fire Department, the City of Opelousas Fire Department and the St. Landry Fire District #3; and

WHEREAS, 27.1% of local workers are employed out of the city and parish with 32.4% of these having at least a 30 minute drive to work and many driving much longer in time and distance to Opelousas, Lafayette, or Baton Rouge, or to offshore departure sites; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 167 provides a vital connection for education since it is a transportation route for students ranging from Head Start age to elementary and secondary levels to higher education students in universities, community colleges, and vocational training as well as developmentally disabled individuals in a sheltered vocational workshop; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 167 is the major artery for all commerce, industry and agriculture in Ville Platte, providing access to the city for postal and banking services, major trucking companies and delivery services, and independent vendors; and

WHEREAS local industries, such as Cabot Corporation, Cameron Valves and Measurement and Union Tank Car, are dependent upon U.S. Highway 167 for bringing in raw materials needed for production and for exporting completed products;

WHEREAS, parish farm producers use U.S. Highways 167 to truck approximately 1,400,000 bushels of local agricultural commodities valued at almost \$9,000,000 to grain elevators in eastern Louisiana port cities; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 167 provides access for elderly services such as over 100,000 "Meals On Wheels" annually and transportation to health care; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 167 provides a vital link for health care facilities in Opelousas, Lafayette, Baton Rouge and New Orleans as well as transportation by Acadian Ambulance and life-saving blood through United Blood Services of Lafayette; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 167 is a major recreation and tourism route, annually bringing in over 90,000 campers and visitors to Chicot State park and the Louisiana State Arboretum and thousands of visitors for other local activities such as the Swamp Pop Reunion, Smoked Meat Festival, Louisiana Cotton festival, Louisiana Tournoi de la Ville Platte; Dewey Balfa Music Festival, Farmer's Markets, and others;

WHEREAS, expanding U.S. Highway 167 from Nuba to Ville Platte would improve public safety, promote area economic and educational growth, and improve tourism.

The vote was as follows: YEAS: Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Jerry Red, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSENT FROM VOTING: Kenneth Vidrine. And the motion was declared adopted this 19th day of May, 2010.

#30 - Litigation Report - Ms. Andrea West requested that the Council authorize Mr. Don Menard to sign an intergovernmental agreement between St. Landry Parish and the City of Eunice in order to get the parish dismissed from a pending case.

#31 - A motion was made by Jimmie Edwards and seconded by Albert Hollier to authorize Don Menard to sign an intergovernmental agreement for reimbursement of expenses incurred by the City of Eunice Jail for the care of prisoners charged with state crimes. The vote was as follows: YEAS: Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Jerry Red, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. And the motion was declared adopted this 19th day of May, 2010.

#32 - A motion was made by Ronald Buschel and seconded by Pam Gautreau to approve the minutes of the Public Works Committee Meeting held May 3, 2010. The vote was as follows: YEAS: Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Jerry Red, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. And the motion was declared adopted this 19th day of May, 2010.

#33 - A motion was made by Gary Courville and seconded by Jimmie Edwards to approve the trail ride application submitted by Eunice 51/50 and Brandy Goodly Babineaux for an event scheduled June 18, 19 & 20, 2010. Approval set to be granted pending the submission of all necessary paperwork by June 15, 2010. The vote was as follows: YEAS: Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: Jerry Red. ABSENT: None. And the motion was declared adopted this 19th day of May, 2010.

#34 - A motion was made by Albert Hollier and seconded by Jimmie Edwards to approve the minutes of the Administrative Finance Committee Meeting held May 3, 2010. The vote was as follows: YEAS: Leon Robinson, Fekisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Hurlin Dupre, Jerry Red, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. And the motion was declared adopted this 19th day of May, 2010.

#35 - A motion to adjourn was made by Albert Hollier and seconded by Jay Guidry. With no objection, the meeting was adjourned.