

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF  
THE ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL OF THE  
PARISH OF ST. MARY, STATE OF LOUISIANA

MARCH 8, 2022  
FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA

The St. Mary Parish Council met on this date in Regular Session with Chairperson Kristi Prejeant Rink, M.D. presiding and the following members present: Craig A. Mathews, J Ina, Rodney Olander, Scott Ramsey, Leslie “Les” Rulf, Jr., Mark A. Duhon, Dean S. Adams, and Gwendolyn L. Hidalgo. Absent were Patrick J. Hebert, James W. Bennett, Jr., and Parish President, David Hanagriff.

The Invocation was pronounced by Mrs. Hidalgo and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Adams.

Mr. Olander moved that the reading of the minutes of the Second Regular Meeting, February 23, 2022 be dispensed with and that the same be approved. Rev. Mathews seconded the motion, which carried.

Chad Boutte and Steven Mora appeared before the Council to announce the “Tours by Steven” kayak tours/rentals in St. Mary Parish at Bayou Teche at the intersection of Adams Street and Teche Drive in Franklin, Louisiana. Mr. Boutte stated that future plans include bicycle tours/rentals and a pontoon barge for Bayou Teche tours. Several Council Members suggested that he meet with the Tourist Center and Captain Caviar Swamp Tours to help better utilize the Bayou Teche.

Tomika Willis appeared before the Council to discuss the Infrastructure Bill relative to small local businesses in St. Mary Parish and asked for help in implementing different programs. She stated that she is the owner of TDS Trucking Training & Technology, LLC located in Patterson, Louisiana and informed of her various certifications and services that is offered. She also stated that she intends to offer a truck driving school in the future that will give citizens an opportunity to work for her company. She informed that she has been in contact with Ann Poole relative to the re-entry program, Jennifer Lancelin, Evan Boudreaux, Economic Development Director, SLCC (South Louisiana Community College), and South Central Planning & Development Commission.

Rev. Mathews commended Ms. Willis for the work she is doing and stated that as a government we must do a better job capitalizing the resources that we have to create community re-investment opportunities.

Dr. Rink stated that she recently visited South Central Planning & Development Commission and learned of the services they offer. She suggested having CEO, Kevin Belanger attend a Council Meeting to give a presentation of services available for St. Mary Parish.

Mr. Adams thanked Tim Gilmore and Craig Rink for hosting the annual Battle of the Badges Horseshoe Tournament that was recently held at Kemper Williams Park.

Dr. Rink requested to move up Item 15A, “Resolution of Respect in memory of Mr. Wilfred Paul Edwards, Sr.”

Rev. Mathews moved that the following Resolution be adopted. The Council seconded the motion, which carried by the following 9-0-0-2 Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Mathews, Ina, Olander, Ramsey, Rulf, Duhon, Adams, Hidalgo, and Rink

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hebert and Bennett

## **RESOLUTION OF RESPECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Lord Almighty in his Infinite mercy and goodness has seen fit to remove from our midst the beloved Wilfred Paul Edwards, Sr., and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Edwards was a native of Four Corners, Louisiana, and a dedicated citizen and public servant of the community, and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Edwards served faithfully until the time of his death as a Commissioner of the Water & Sewer Commission No. 5 of St. Mary Parish for over 25 years, and

**WHEREAS**, the community was abundantly blessed by Mr. Edwards' love for softball as he coached several community softball teams for over 20 years, including the Red Snappers Girls Softball Team and Pete's Warriors Boys Softball Team, named in honor of his deceased son Peterson Mathews Edwards. These activities created a wholesome fun-loving family atmosphere and brought great life and tremendous use to the Glencoe Community Park and later the Elizabeth Davis Park in Four Corners over those years, and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Edwards exemplified true leadership and servanthood in his family and community throughout his life, and he will be truly missed by his beautiful loving family, which includes his darling wife Delories "Betty" Edwards of 63 years, 7 sons, 4 daughters, 49 grandchildren; 63 great-grandchildren; 16 great-great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and an entire community that will cherish his legacy of love forever, and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the St. Mary Parish Council wish to acknowledge publicly our condolences, sympathy, and undying support to the family of Mr. Wilfred Edwards, Sr., and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Mary Parish Council hopes that Mr. Edwards' family will find comfort in the thought that your grief and sorrow are shared by your entire community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the St. Mary Parish Council through the unanimous adoption of this resolution that we solemnly deliberate with sincere condolences, sympathy, and understanding during this time of your grief.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.

**APPROVED:**

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**KRISTI P. RINK, M.D., CHAIRPERSON  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**ATTEST:**

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**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

Mr. Adams moved that the Parish Council, Legal Counsel, Eric Duplantis, and Chief Administrative Officer, Henry "Bo" LaGrange go into Executive Session to receive an oral or written report regarding potential litigation related to the filing and litigation of a civil action for Pump Station 2 & 2A Drainage Improvements project pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 42:17 that, in pertinent part, reads as follows:

A. A public body may hold an executive session pursuant to R.S. 42:16 for one or more of the following reasons:

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(2) Strategy sessions or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining, prospective litigation after formal written demand, **or litigation when an open meeting would have a detrimental affect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body.**

Mrs. Hidalgo seconded the motion, which carried.

Following Executive Session, Rev. Mathews moved that the March 8, 2022 Regular Meeting be reconvened. Mr. Adams seconded the motion, which carried.

Dr. Rink stated that an updated report was received in executive session and that no discussion or action is necessary.

Chief Administrative Officer, Henry "Bo" LaGrange, presented his report for a two (2) week period ending March 8, 2022.

Mr. LaGrange's advised that notification has been received from Governor Jon Bel Edwards through the Louisiana Office of Community Development that St. Mary Parish has been approved for a FYI 2020-2021 Louisiana Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) grant in the amount of \$28,800 to be used to construct a restroom at the Harry P. Williams Memorial Airport Maintenance Building and towards the rehabilitation of the sewer pump station at the airport.

In response to Mr. Adams' inquiry, concerning housing prisoners and associated costs, Mr. LaGrange stated that the City of Patterson, Iberia Parish, and Tallulah are housing female inmates. Iberia Parish's fee is \$14.00 per day per inmate and that the non-parish facility's fee is \$26.39 per day per inmate.

Planning & Zoning Director, Tammy Luke presented the following item as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission at their February 22, 2022 Regular Meeting:

**a. Recommend Preliminary & Final Subdivision/Development Approval -**

Name: Kenneth Landry-Kathleen McGinnis  
Address: 424 Clarke Rd., Bayou Vista, LA

Parcel Id# Parcel #3014321200.00 & #3014321201.00- Sec. 20/21 T15S R12E - #3014321200.00 - Lot 10-W Clarke Bayou Vista Subd. situated Sec. 20 T15S R12E Acq. 17X - 155384 19J 164146 and #3014321201.00- Lot 10-W Clarke Bayou Vista Subd. situated Sec. 21 T15S R12E Acq. 17X 155384 19J 164146

Zoned: Existing Neighborhood (EN2) Zoned District

PURPOSE: as shown on a plat titled "Plan of Land Showing Tract "ABEFA" and Tract "BCDEB" being 10W and Part of Lot 8W of Bayou Subdivisions Prepared for Kathleen McGinnis Sec. 20 & 21, T15S-R12E St. Mary Parish, Louisiana; Drawn by Kenneth A. Landry, Inc., Job No. 21-5609-S, dated December 23, 2021."

In response to Mr. Ramsey's inquiry, Mrs. Luke informed that Ms. McGinnis plans to sell approximately 50 feet to her neighbor to use as additional yard space. She also informed that no opposition has been received.

Mr. Olander recommended Preliminary & Final Subdivision/Development Approval for:

Name: Kenneth Landry-Kathleen McGinnis  
Address: 424 Clarke Rd., Bayou Vista, LA

Parcel Id# Parcel #3014321200.00 & #3014321201.00- Sec. 20/21 T15S R12E - #3014321200.00 - Lot 10-W Clarke Bayou Vista Subd. situated Sec. 20 T15S R12E Acq. 17X - 155384 19J 164146 and #3014321201.00- Lot 10-W Clarke Bayou Vista Subd. situated Sec. 21 T15S R12E Acq. 17X 155384 19J 164146

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Rev. Mathews seconded the motion, which carried.

Mr. Adams moved that the Public Hearing Report, February 23, 2022 be accepted. Mrs. Hidalgo seconded the motion, which carried.

Mr. Olander moved that the following Ordinance be adopted. Mr. Ramsey seconded the motion, which carried by the following 9-0-0-2 Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Ina, Olander, Ramsey, Rulf, Duhon, Adams, Hidalgo, Rink, and Mathews

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hebert and Bennett

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2288**

An Ordinance in compliance with Ordinance No. 1973, DIVISION 5.4  
General Procedures for Public Hearings, Section 5.4.3 Specific Use Permits  
granting a Specific Use.

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2014, the St. Mary Parish Council adopted Ordinance No. 1973 – St. Mary Parish Unified Development Code, and

**WHEREAS**, DIVISION 5.4 General Procedures for Public Hearings, Section 5.4.3 Specific Use Permits provides a process for the granting of a specific use, and

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana:

**SECTION I** - That certain tract of land described in Exhibit “A” is hereby approved and granted a specific use to operate a Bed & Breakfast in an Agricultural (AG) Zoned District.

This ordinance shall become effective and be in full force upon publication in the official journal of the Parish.

This ordinance having been offered and read on this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022, having been published in accordance with law and having been heard in a public meeting in Franklin, Louisiana on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022 was adopted.

**APPROVED:**

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**KRISTI P. RINK, M.D., CHAIRPERSON  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**ATTEST:**

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**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

This ordinance was submitted to the President of St. Mary Parish on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022 at the hour of 8:25 a.m.

**APPROVED:**

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**DAVID HANAGRIFF, PRESIDENT  
ST. MARY PARISH**

This ordinance was returned to the Clerk of the Council on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022, at the hour of 4:12 p.m.

**Exhibit "A"**

**Name: Terry Creel  
Address: 21066 Hwy. 182, Jeanerette, LA**

**Parcel Id# Sec.40 T13S R8E;  
Parcel Id# 1785101057.00- 8.35 Ac Tract BD Teche - Albania – Hwy. 90 - Albania Acq. 67  
286955 Improvements**

**Currently Zoned: Agricultural (AG) Zoned District**

**Specific Use Purpose: to operate a Bed & Breakfast in an Agricultural (AG) Zoned District.**

Mr. Olander moved that the following Resolutions be adopted. Mr. Adams seconded the motion, which carried by the following 9-0-0-2 Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Olander, Ramsey, Rulf, Duhon, Adams, Hidalgo, Rink, Mathews, and Ina

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hebert and Bennett

**RESOLUTION OF ACCEPTANCE**

A Resolution authorizing and directing the President to execute for and on behalf of the Parish of St. Mary, a Certificate of Substantial Completion from Frisco Industrial Contractors, LLC relative to the St. Mary Parish Drainage District No. 2A Saferoom Project.

**WHEREAS**, Frisco Industrial Contractors, LLC, 210 Willow Street – Suite 1, Franklin, Louisiana 70538, has substantially completed the St. Mary Parish Drainage District No. 2A Saferoom Project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Parish of St. Mary that the President be and he is hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to execute a Certificate of Substantial Completion for and on behalf of the Parish of St. Mary accepting the St. Mary Parish Drainage District No. 2A Saferoom Project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that he shall be authorized and directed to have a copy of said Certificate of Substantial Completion recorded in the mortgage records of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.

**APPROVED:**

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**KRISTI P. RINK, M.D., CHAIRPERSON  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**ATTEST:**

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**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION**

Resolution authorizing the Parish President to execute a contract with Durable Piling Restoration, LLC relative to the Cotten Road Bridge Repairs (Recall #030178) Project.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that David Hanagriff, President of the Parish of St. Mary, be and he is hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Parish Council, to execute a contract with Durable Piling Restoration, LLC, 902 Jefferson Avenue, Suite 11, New Orleans, Louisiana 70115, relative to the Cotten Road Bridge Repairs (Recall #030178) Project, with said Contract to contain such terms, conditions, and stipulations as he may best see fit, he being fully authorized in the premises.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.

**APPROVED:**

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**KRISTI P. RINK, M.D., CHAIRPERSON  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**ATTEST:**

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**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

In response to Mr. Ramsey's inquiry relative to the broken pipe at the Cotten Road Bridge, Mr. LaGrange stated that our Public Works Supervisor found a vehicle bumper at the site. He later noticed a vehicle in Bayou Vista with a missing bumper that matched the bumper found at the site. He reported the vehicle to the Sheriff's Department and a police report was obtained to have damages militated against the vehicle owners insurance.

**RESOLUTION**

A resolution approving and authorizing David Hanagriff, the President of St. Mary Parish to execute an amendment between South Central Louisiana Human Services Authority and the St. Mary Parish Council relative to Claire House.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that David Hanagriff, President of the Parish of St. Mary, be and he is hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Parish Council, to execute an amendment to the agreement between South Central Louisiana Human Services Authority and the St. Mary Parish Council relative to Claire House, with said amendment to contain such terms, conditions, and stipulations as he may best see fit, he being fully authorized in the premises.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.

**APPROVED:**

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**KRISTI P. RINK, M.D., CHAIRPERSON  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**ATTEST:**

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**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Discuss and take action, if necessary, on items discussed in Executive Session.

This item was discussed earlier and no action was taken.

- B. Referred from the February 23, 2022 Regular Meeting - Appointment to the following Boards and Commissions:

**Fire Protection District No. 7 (Bayou Vista) – 1 vacancy**

Harold Driggers

Martin S. Dehart

Mr. Ramsey moved to table this item to the March 23, 2022 Parish Council Meeting. Rev. Mathews seconded the motion, which carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Appointments to the following Boards and Commissions:

**Fire Protection District No. 11 (Four Corners) – 5 Vacancies**

No applications received

Clerk of the Council, Lisa C. Morgan informed that all five current members that are eligible for reappointment called after the deadline and requested to be reappointed to Fire Protection District No. 11.

In response to Rev. Mathews' inquiry, Mrs. Morgan stated that the five current members do not have to call again to be considered for reappointment at the next Parish Council meeting. She also informed that if additional applications are received, they can also be considered for appointment at the next Council meeting.

Rev. Mathews requested to place this item on the March 23, 2022 Parish Council Meeting agenda.

**Kemper Williams Park Advisory Committee – 3 Vacancies**

No applications received

**Recreation District No. 2 (Siracusaville Area) – 2 Vacancies**

No applications received

Mrs. Morgan stated that there was an error with only one (1) vacancy being open and that Sandra E. Wilkerson's application for reappointment was submitted before the deadline.

In response to Mr. Duhon's inquiry, Mrs. Morgan stated that Ms. Wilkerson's application was received by mail on February 28, 2022 before the March 3, 2022 deadline.

Per Mr. Duhon's inquiry relative to whether Ms. Wilkerson could be appointed, Mr. Duplantis stated that Ms. Wilkerson could be appointed tonight.

Mr. Duhon moved to reappoint Sandra E. Wilkerson to Recreation District No. 2. Mr. Adams seconded the motion, which carried.

**Recreation District No. 6 (Baldwin, Jeanerette, and Charenton Area) – 5 Vacancies**

No applications received

There being no further business, Mr. Adams moved for adjournment. Rev. Mathews seconded the motion, which carried.

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Lisa C. Morgan, Clerk

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Kristi P. Rink, M.D., Chairperson