

April 23, 2025

NEW IBERIA, LOUISIANA

IBERIA PARISH COUNCIL

JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Joint Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairman James P. Trahan at 8:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Those members recorded as present were as follows:

Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., Natalie Broussard, Dustin Suire, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Brock Pellerin, Lady Fontenette Brown, Caymen Crappell, and Chad Maturin.

Those members recorded as absent were as follows:

Marcus "Bruce" Broussard, Lloyd Brown, and Brian P. Napier.

Others in Attendance:

Legal Counsel Ian Alpha

Parish President Larry M. Richard

CAO Milton "Bo" Belanger III

Executive Secretary to Parish President Cyndi Provost

Director of Finance Erica Duplechain

Director of Mosquito Control Herff Jones

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Policy allows Three (3) Minutes/person)

A motion was made by Mr. Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., seconded by Mr. Scott Ransonet, that the Iberia Parish Joint Committee does hereby recess its Regular Session and convene in a Public Hearing to obtain comments from the public at this time.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., Natalie Broussard, Dustin Suire, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Brock Pellerin, Lady Fontenette Brown, Caymen Crappell, and Chad Maturin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Marcus "Bruce" Broussard, Lloyd Brown, and Brian P. Napier.

And the motion was declared adopted this 23rd day of April, 2025.

1. There were no comments from the General Public on Agenda Items.
2. There were no comments from the General Public on Non-Agenda Items.

A motion was made by Mr. Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., seconded by Mr. Scott Ransonet, that the Iberia Parish Joint Committee Meeting does hereby adjourn its Public Hearing and reconvene into Regular Session at this time.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., Natalie Broussard, Dustin Suire, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Brock Pellerin, Lady Fontenette Brown, Caymen Crappell, and Chad Maturin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Marcus "Bruce" Broussard, Lloyd Brown, and Brian P. Napier.

And the motion was declared adopted this 23rd day of April, 2025.

MINUTES:

Regular Joint Committee Meeting of April 9, 2025.

A motion was made by Mr. Dustin Suire, seconded by Mr. Scott Ransonet, that the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2025 be adopted.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., Natalie Broussard, Dustin Suire, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Brock Pellerin, Lady Fontenette Brown, Caymen Crappell, and Chad Maturin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Marcus "Bruce" Broussard, Lloyd Brown, and Brian P. Napier.

And the motion was declared adopted this 23rd day of April, 2025.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Chairman Michael R. Landry called the meeting to order at 8:43 p.m.

1. Quarterly Report of Compensatory Time from the Human Resources Department ending March 2025, all in accordance with Resolution No. 2014-33. (For Committee information only; no action necessary)
2. Discuss and consider a Resolution requesting our Louisiana Congressional and State Delegation to introduce legislation to provide equitable representation for Iberia Parish on the Twin Parish Port Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Brock Pellerin, seconded by Mr. Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., that the Executive Committee does hereby recommend that the Iberia Parish Council adopt the abovementioned Resolution.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., Natalie Broussard, Dustin Suire, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Brock Pellerin,

Lady Fontenette Brown, Caymen Crappell, and Chad Maturin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Marcus "Bruce" Broussard, Lloyd Brown, and Brian P. Napier.

And the motion was declared adopted this 23rd day of April, 2025.

Upon hearing no further business to come before the Executive Committee, a motion was made by Mr. Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., seconded by Mr. Scott Ransonet, that the Executive Committee does hereby adjourn.

Chairman Michael R. Landry declared the Executive Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Chairman Scott Ransonet called the meeting to order at 8:46 p.m.

1. Discuss and consider a Resolution amending the 2025 Parishwide Drainage Fund Budget in the amount of \$621,736 to account for additional funds to be received as a result of the 2024 Mosquito Control/Drainage Tax Surplus Distribution, and further amending the 2025 Mosquito Control/Drainage Fund Budget in the amount of \$1,225,792 to provide for the Surplus Distribution in accordance with the sales tax proposition.

A motion was made by Mr. James P. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., that the Finance Committee does hereby recommend that the Iberia Parish Council adopt the abovementioned Resolution.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., Natalie Broussard, Dustin Suire, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Brock Pellerin, Lady Fontenette Brown, Caymen Crappell, and Chad Maturin.
NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Marcus "Bruce" Broussard, Lloyd Brown, and Brian P. Napier.

And the motion was declared adopted this 23rd day of April, 2025.

2. Discuss and consider a Resolution amending the 2025 Mosquito Control/Drainage Fund Budget in the amount of \$95,000 to provide for carryover of equipment funding.

A motion was made by Mr. Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., seconded by Mr. James P. Trahan, that the Finance Committee does hereby recommend that the Iberia Parish Council adopt the abovementioned Resolution.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., Natalie Broussard, Dustin Suire, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Brock Pellerin,

Lady Fontenette Brown, Caymen Crappell, and Chad Maturin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Marcus "Bruce" Broussard, Lloyd Brown, and Brian P. Napier.

And the motion was declared adopted this 23rd day of April, 2025.

3. Discuss and consider a Resolution amending the 2025 Acadiana Fairgrounds Commission Fund Budget in the amount of \$85,120 to provide carry forward from 2024 Grant for the purchase of equipment (event timer system, blower, weed eater, pressure washer) and work at Acadiana Fairgrounds (replace sprinklers, close in restrooms, air condition restrooms, close in concession area).

A motion was made by Mr. James P. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Michael R. Landry, that the Finance Committee does hereby recommend that the Iberia Parish Council adopt the abovementioned Resolution.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., Natalie Broussard, Dustin Suire, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Brock Pellerin, Lady Fontenette Brown, Caymen Crappell, and Chad Maturin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Marcus "Bruce" Broussard, Lloyd Brown, and Brian P. Napier.

And the motion was declared adopted this 23rd day of April, 2025.

4. Discuss and consider amending the 2025 General Fund Budget in the net amount of \$41,832 to carry forward the remaining (1) LGAP-EQUIPMENT grant expenditure (\$60,000).

A motion was made by Mr. James P. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Michael R. Landry, that the Finance Committee does hereby recommend that the Iberia Parish Council adopt the abovementioned Resolution.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., Natalie Broussard, Dustin Suire, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Brock Pellerin, Lady Fontenette Brown, Caymen Crappell, and Chad Maturin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Marcus "Bruce" Broussard, Lloyd Brown, and Brian P. Napier.

And the motion was declared adopted this 23rd day of April, 2025.

5. Discuss and consider amending the 2025 EDD Fund Budget in the amount of \$847,103 to provide for carryover of projects.

A motion was made by Mr. James P. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Chad Maturin, that the Finance Committee does hereby recommend that the Iberia Parish Council adopt the abovementioned Resolution.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., Natalie Broussard, Dustin Suire, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Brock Pellerin, Lady Fontenette Brown, Caymen Crappell, and Chad Maturin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Marcus "Bruce" Broussard, Lloyd Brown, and Brian P. Napier.

And the motion was declared adopted this 23rd day of April, 2025.

6. Discuss and consider amending the 2025 Public Buildings Fund Budget in the amount of \$185,522 to provide for carryover of 2024 projects.

A motion was made by Mr. James P. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Chad Maturin, that the Finance Committee does hereby recommend that the Iberia Parish Council adopt the abovementioned Resolution.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., Natalie Broussard, Dustin Suire, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Brock Pellerin, Lady Fontenette Brown, Caymen Crappell, and Chad Maturin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Marcus "Bruce" Broussard, Lloyd Brown, and Brian P. Napier.

And the motion was declared adopted this 23rd day of April, 2025.

7. Discuss and consider amending the 2025 Royalty Fund Budget in the net amount of \$2,554,885 for the following approved projects: (1) to carryover unspent GOMESA funding in the amount of \$2,554,885 for various approved projects; (2) to carryover Federal funding in the amount of \$308,000 for Bayou Parc Perdue Drainage Grant project; (3) to carryover/correct State CPRA funding in the amount of \$393,529 for various projects; and (4) to carryover State CWEF funding in the amount of \$170,000 for various projects.

A motion was made by Mr. Chad Maturin, seconded by Mr. Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., that the Finance Committee does hereby recommend that the Iberia Parish Council adopt the abovementioned Resolution.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., Natalie Broussard, Dustin Suire, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Brock Pellerin, Lady Fontenette Brown, Caymen Crappell, and Chad Maturin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Marcus "Bruce" Broussard, Lloyd Brown, and Brian P. Napier.

And the motion was declared adopted this 23rd day of April, 2025.

8. Discuss and consider amending the 2025 Public Buildings Maintenance Fund Budget in the amount of \$19,897.42 for Phase 2 Repairs to the American Legion Post 549, Veterans Hall 2, The Harry Eugene located in Jeanerette, Louisiana, as follows: replacement of everything in ceiling area including all fans, lights, ceiling grids and ceiling panels throughout the building, kitchen, restrooms and banquet room, all to be funded from General Fund Budget - Previous Year.

A motion was made by Ms. Lady Fontenette Brown, seconded by Mr. Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., that the Finance Committee does hereby recommend that the Iberia Parish Council adopt the abovementioned Resolution.

A motion to AMEND was made by Mr. Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., seconded by Mr. James P. Trahan, that the Finance Committee does hereby amend the language to include line item 2025 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$19,897.42.

This motion to AMEND having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., Natalie Broussard, Dustin Suire, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Brock Pellerin, Lady Fontenette Brown, Caymen Crappell, and Chad Maturin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Marcus "Bruce" Broussard, Lloyd Brown, and Brian P. Napier.

And the motion to AMEND was declared adopted this 23rd day of April, 2025.

A motion was made by Mr. Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., seconded by Mr. James P. Trahan, that the Finance Committee does hereby recommend that the Iberia Parish Council adopt the abovementioned Resolution with the amendment.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., Natalie Broussard, Dustin Suire, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Brock Pellerin, Lady Fontenette Brown, Caymen Crappell, and Chad Maturin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Marcus "Bruce" Broussard, Lloyd Brown, and Brian P. Napier.

And the motion was declared adopted this 23rd day of April, 2025.

Upon hearing no further business to come before the Finance Committee, a motion was made by Mr. Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., seconded by Mr. Michael R. Landry, that the Finance Committee does hereby adjourn.

Chairman Scott Ransonet declared the Finance Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE:

There were no items to come before the Public Health and Safety Committee.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Chairman Caymen Crappell called the meeting to order at 8:56 p.m.

1. Discuss and consider a Resolution requesting the Louisiana Department of Transportation to install a traffic light at the intersection of Highway 675 (Jefferson Island Road) and Grand Prairie Road.

A motion was made by Mr. Michael R. Landry, seconded by Mr. Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., that the Public Works Committee does hereby recommend that the Iberia Parish Council adopt the abovementioned Resolution.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., Natalie Broussard, Dustin Suire, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Brock Pellerin, Lady Fontenette Brown, Caymen Crappell, and Chad Maturin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Marcus "Bruce" Broussard, Lloyd Brown, and Brian P. Napier.

And the motion was declared adopted this 23rd day of April, 2025.

Upon hearing no further business to come before the Public Works Committee, a motion was made by Mr. Scott Ransonet, seconded by Ms. Natalie Broussard, that the Public Works Committee does hereby adjourn.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., Natalie Broussard, Dustin Suire, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Brock Pellerin, Lady Fontenette Brown, Caymen Crappell, and Chad Maturin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Marcus "Bruce" Broussard, Lloyd Brown, and Brian P. Napier.

And the motion was declared adopted this 23rd day of April, 2025.

Chairman Caymen Crappell declared the Public Works Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

There being no other business, the Iberia Parish Council adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE:


Clerk of the Council