

MARCH 12, 2025

NEW IBERIA, LOUISIANA

IBERIA PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council of Iberia Parish, Louisiana met in Regular Session in the Parish Council Chambers, Main Courthouse Building, New Iberia, Louisiana, on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at 6:02 p.m.

The following members were recorded as PRESENT:

Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, Lloyd Brown, Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., Natalie Broussard, Dustin Suire, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Brock Pellerin, Brian P. Napier, Lady Fontenette Brown (entered meeting at 6:47 p.m.), Caymen Crappell, and Chad Maturin.

ABSENT: Marcus "Bruce" Broussard.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ian Alpha, Legal Counsel

Parish President M. Larry Richard

CAO Milton "Bo" Belanger, III

Executive Assistant to Parish President Cynthia Provost

Director of Personnel Edythe "Edie" Casselman

Executive Communications Coordinator Josepha "Jo" Morgan

Director of Permit, Planning & Zoning Andrea Blair

Director of Parks & Recreation Tammy Trahan

Director of Mosquito Control Herff Jones

Fire Protection District No. 1 Chief Guy Bonin

Homeland Security Director Brandon J. Miguez

The Parish Council of the Parish of Iberia, State of Louisiana, was duly convened as the Governing Authority of the Parish of Iberia by Mr. James P. Trahan, its Chairman, who announced that the Council was now ready to conduct its business.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Councilman Dustin Suire announced that the Festival of Live Oaks has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 22, 2025 and will take place at City Park in New Iberia, Louisiana. The community is invited to attend.
2. Councilman Warren P. Gachassin, Jr. announced that on Saturday, April 12, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., his daughter, Aline will be hosting her annual Aline's Amazing Lemonade Stand Fund Raiser for Iberia Mental Health Initiative, located at 809 Briarwood Drive, New Iberia, Louisiana. The community is invited to attend.
3. Councilman Scott Ransonet gave an update to Iberia Parish Council regarding the Loreauville Ball Park upgrade.

PARISH PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. President Richard announced that Public Works Department completed several tasks during the period of February 28, 2025 thru March 11, 2025, including culvert cleaning, tree cutting and debris pickup, road patching and repair, sidebooming of front ditches, as well as many other tasks.
2. President Richard informed the Iberia Parish Council that Iberia Parish Government hosted a Blood Drive on Wednesday, March 12, 2025. It was a major success with several blood and plasma donations being made during the event.
3. President Richard informed the Iberia Parish Council that last week, he traveled to Washington, DC and met with United States Senators Bill Cassidy and John Kennedy and Congressman Clay Higgins where he discussed key initiatives for Iberia Parish. Their strong support reinforces our effort for growth and new opportunities in our community.
4. President Richard informed the Iberia Parish Council that while attending the NACo Legislative Conference, he and St. Mary Parish Councilman Patrick Hebert had the opportunity to visit Arlington National Cemetery where he had the honor of laying a wreath at the Tomb of Unknown Soldiers. This was a humbling tribute to our Nation's soldiers.
5. President Richard gave an update regarding Peebles Coulee Water Control Structure.
6. President Richard advised that Iberia Parish Permit Office will be strictly enforcing regulations in Iberia Parish. Any construction, renovation or new work will require a permit and further advised that a permit is required to change shingles on homes. To acquire a permit, please contact Iberia Parish Permit Office at (337) 369-4438 or visit their location at 715-A Weldon Street, New Iberia, Louisiana.
7. President Richard announced that Iberia Parish Government is currently seeking to hire several positions, including: 1) Wastewater Treatment & Collections Operator - Maintenance & Laborer; 2) Purchasing Agent; 3) Jeanerette Museum Attendant; 4) Building Inspector (Certified Residential and Commercial); 5) Public Worker I; and 6) Public Safety Telecommunicator/911. Please visit Iberia Parish Government website to apply at: www.iberiaparishgovernment.com for details.
8. President Richard reminded everyone to visit the website for Iberia Parish Government which can be viewed at <https://iberiaparishgovernment.com>.

A motion was made by Ms. Natalie Broussard, seconded by Mr. Michael R. Landry, that the Council recess its Regular Session and convene in a Public Hearing to hear 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, Lloyd Brown, Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., Natalie Broussard, Dustin Suire, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Brock Pellerin, Brian P. Napier, Lady Fontenette Brown, Caymen Crappell, and Chad Maturin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Marcus "Bruce" Broussard.

And the motion was declared adopted this 12th day of March, 2025.

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

1. There were no comments from the General Public on Agenda Items.
2. There were no persons considered for appointments to Parish Boards, Commissions, and/or Districts.

REPORTS (PARISH OR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES):

1. Chief Guy Bonin with Iberia Fire District #1 addressed the Iberia Parish Council regarding the upcoming millage proposition for Fire Protection District No. 1 currently on the March 29, 2025 Election Ballot.
2. The Monthly Permit Report for the Month of February 2025 was emailed to the Iberia Parish Council.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS:

1. Public Works Department Report for Closed Work Orders dated January 22, 2025 through February 18, 2025 was emailed to Iberia Parish Council.
2. Public Works Department Report for Closed Work Orders dated February 19 - 25, 2025 was emailed to Iberia Parish Council.

A motion was made by Mr. Caymen Crappell, seconded by Ms. Natalie Broussard, that the Council does hereby recess 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, Lloyd Brown, Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., Natalie Broussard, Dustin Suire, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Brock Pellerin, Brian P. Napier, Lady Fontenette Brown, Caymen Crappell, and Chad Maturin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Marcus "Bruce" Broussard.

And the motion was declared adopted this 12th day of March, 2025.

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CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION:

(To be voted upon at tonight's meeting)

Chairman James P. Trahan requested if there were any items to be removed from Consent Agenda at this time.

A request was made by Mr. Brian P. Napier that Resolution Summary No. 46 be removed to give special recognition of Former Human Resource Specialist Ms. Patricia Kahn due to her years of service and dedication to Iberia Parish Government.

Hearing no further requests for removal of items, a motion was made by Mr. Michael R. Landry, seconded Mr. Brian P. Napier, that the following items be adopted:

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-47

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2025 AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH.

WHEREAS, the month of March holds historical significance in acknowledging the contributions of women to society; and

WHEREAS, women have played pivotal roles in shaping the course of history, culture, and progress across various fields; and

WHEREAS, recognizing and celebrating the achievements, leadership, and resilience of women is essential in promoting equality and fostering a diverse and inclusive community; and

WHEREAS, Women's History Month provides an opportunity to educate and raise awareness about the invaluable contributions of women throughout history; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iberia Parish Council formally recognizes the month of March as Women's History Month and encourages all citizens to actively engage in activities that celebrate and honor the accomplishments of women, fostering an environment that values and promotes gender equality.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Iberia Parish Council and approval by the Parish President in accordance with Section 2-13 of the Iberia Parish Home Rule Charter.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-48

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2025 AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH IN IBERIA PARISH.

WHEREAS, March is American Red Cross Month, a special time to recognize and thank our heroes who volunteer and donate blood to support an organization whose mission is to help those in need; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross works tirelessly through its employees and volunteers to help when disaster strikes, when someone needs life-saving blood, or the comfort of a helping hand; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross provides 24 hour support to members of the military, veterans and their families, and further provides training in CPR, aquatics safety, and first aid; and

WHEREAS, our community depends on the American Red Cross, which relies on donations of time, money and blood to fulfill its humanitarian mission; and

WHEREAS, across the nation, March is recognized as American Red Cross month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby proclaim the month of March 2025 as

"AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH"

in Iberia Parish and encourages all citizens to observe this month.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Iberia Parish Council and approval by the Parish President in accordance with Section 2-13 of the Iberia Parish Home Rule Charter.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-49

A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF MS. TINA MARIE PAREDES, FORMER EMPLOYEE OF THE IBERIA PARISH MOSQUITO CONTROL, WHO PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 16, 2025.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby acknowledge the recent passing of Ms. Tina Marie Paredes, former employee of the Iberia Parish Mosquito Control, who passed away on February 16, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Paredes was a daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, and soon-to-be great grandmother to her family; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Paredes was a fun-loving, vibrant mother and a dedicated professional, known for her passion and commitment for her work as a Mosquito Expert for Iberia Parish, combined with love for life that made her a valued member of her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Paredes will be deeply missed by her family, her friends, and her community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby express its sincere sympathies and condolences to the family of Ms. Tina Marie Paredes, former employee of the Iberia Parish Mosquito Control, who passed away on February 16, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be forwarded to the family of Ms. Tina Marie Paredes.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Iberia Parish Council and approval by the Parish President in accordance with Section 2-13 of the Iberia Parish Home Rule Charter.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-50

A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF MR. STEVEN J. MIGUEZ, HUSBAND OF MRS. GLENDA MIGUEZ AND FATHER OF LOUISIANA STATE SENATOR BLAKE MIGUEZ, WHO PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 24, 2025.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby acknowledge the recent passing of Mr. Steven J. Miguez, husband of Mrs. Glenda Miguez and father of Louisiana State Senator Blake Miguez, who passed away on February 24, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Steven J. Miguez was a son, brother, brother-in-law, husband, father, father-in-law, and grandfather to his family; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Steven J. Miguez was a graduate of Catholic High School Class of 1972 and attended University of Southwestern Louisiana from 1972 through 1975 and used his education to build his business career in Iberia Parish.

WHEREAS, Mr. Steven J. Miguez was married to his beloved wife of forty-eight years, Mrs. Glenda Miguez and together they had two sons, Blake and Ridge; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Steven J. Miguez was the President of Iberia Crew Boat & Marine Service, a company that he founded in 1978, which now operates under a joint venture agreement with Seatran Marine maintaining thirteen offshore vessels and many of them built in the family shipyard located in Loreauville; and

Whereas, Mr. Steven J. Miguez also founded and served as President of Miguez Fuel and Lubricants, which is now an authorized distributor of Phillip 66 Lubricants for Louisiana with locations in New Iberia and Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Steven J. Miguez loved participating in competitive pistol shooting which he achieved the classification ranking of master shooter in the United States Practical Association and traveled to many competitions across the world bringing home silver and bronze medals; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Steven J. Miguez will be deeply missed by his family, his friends, and his community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby express its sincere sympathies and condolences to the family of Mr. Steven J. Miguez, husband of Mrs. Glenda Miguez and father of Louisiana State Senator Blake Miguez, who passed away on February 24, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be forwarded to the family of Mr. Steven J. Miguez.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Iberia Parish Council and approval by the Parish President in accordance with Section 2-13 of the Iberia Parish Home Rule Charter.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Marcus "Bruce" Broussard.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 12th day of March, 2025.

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A request was made by Mr. Brian P. Napier that Resolution Summary No. 46 be removed to give special recognition of Former Human Resource Specialist Ms. Patricia Kahn due to her years of service and dedication to Iberia Parish Government.

A motion was made by Mr. Brian P. Napier, seconded by Mr. Brock Pellerin, that Resolution Summary No. 46, which is a Resolution of appreciation and congratulations to Former Human Resource Specialist Ms. Patricia Kahn, who retired on January 31, 2025 after twenty-four years of service with Iberia Parish Government be adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., seconded unanimously by Ms. Natalie Broussard and Lady Fontenette Brown, and Messrs. Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, Lloyd Brown, Dustin Suire, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Brock Pellerin, Brian P. Napier, Caymen Crappell and Chad Maturin, that the following be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-46

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND CONGRATULATIONS TO FORMER HUMAN RESOURCE SPECIALIST MS. PATRICIA KAHN, WHO RETIRED ON JANUARY 31, 2025 AFTER TWENTY-FOUR YEARS OF SERVICE WITH IBERIA PARISH GOVERNMENT.

WHEREAS, that Ms. Patricia Kahn, Former Human Resource Specialist, has worked with the Iberia Parish Government providing twenty-four years of service; and

WHEREAS, that Ms. Patricia Kahn served the citizens of Iberia Parish and the surrounding areas promoting the Parish as Former Human Resource Specialist under the guidance of the Iberia Parish President M. Larry Richard; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby express its appreciation to Ms. Patricia Kahn, for her twenty-four years of public service to Iberia Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby congratulate Ms. Patricia Kahn on her recent retirement and wishes her the best in her retirement.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Iberia Parish Council and approved by the Parish President in accordance with Section 2-13 of the Iberia Parish Home Rule Charter.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Marcus "Bruce" Broussard.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 12th day of March, 2025.

A motion was made by Mr. Brock Pellerin, seconded by Mr. Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., that Resolution Summary No. 35, which is a Resolution appointing one member to the Spanish Lake Game and Fishing Preserve Commission, representing Iberia Parish for the remainder of a four year term to fill a vacancy created by the expired term, whose term expires December 31, 2027 be adopted at this time.

A motion was made by Mr. Michael R. Landry, seconded by Mr. Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., that Resolution Summary No. 35 be tabled to re-advertise for the appointment of one member to the Spanish Lake Game and Fishing Preserve Commission, representing Iberia Parish for the remainder of a four year term to fill a vacancy created by the expired term, whose term expires December 31, 2027.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Marcus "Bruce" Broussard.

And the motion to TABLE was declared adopted this 12th day of March, 2025.

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A motion was made by Mr. Lloyd Brown, seconded by Mr. Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., that Resolution Summary No. 51, which is a Resolution dedicating the Courthouse Annex Building in the name of Errol "Romo" Romero in recognition of his service as Iberia Parish President, Member of Iberia Parish Police Jury, Iberia Parish Sheriff and Louisiana State Representative be adopted at this time.

A motion was made by Mr. Lloyd Brown, seconded by Mr. Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., that Resolution Summary No. 51 be tabled.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Marcus "Bruce" Broussard.

And the motion to TABLE was declared adopted this 12th day of March, 2025.

A motion was made by Mr. Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., seconded by Mr. Scott Ransonet, that the following be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-52

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2025 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 FUND BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,300,000 FOR LEWIS STREET OVERLAY PROJECT, ALL TO BE FUNDED FROM FUND BALANCE - PREVIOUS YEARS.

WHEREAS, there has been a request to amend the 2025 Economic Development District No. 1 Fund Budget in the amount of \$1,300,000 for Lewis Street Overlay Project, all to be funded from Fund Balance - Previous Years; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to amend the 2025 Economic Development District No. 1 Fund Budget in the amount of \$1,300,000 for said Lewis Street overlay project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby amend the 2025 Economic Development District No. 1 Fund Budget in the amount of \$1,300,000 for Lewis Street Overlay Project:

<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT TITLE</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ADJUSTMENT</u>
490000 0000 0000 0000	Fund Bal - Prev Yrs	\$80,217	\$1,300,000
533100 3310 0000 3106	Arch/Engr Svcs - Lewis Street Overlay	-0-	\$200,000
575000 3310 0000 3106	Contract Pymts - Lewis Street Overlay	-0-	\$1,100,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said amount shall be funded from the Fund Balance - Previous Years Line Item.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Iberia Parish Council and approval by the Parish President in accordance with Section 2-13 of the Iberia Parish Home Rule Charter.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Marcus "Bruce" Broussard.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 12th day of March, 2025.

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ORDINANCES INTRODUCED FOR PUBLICATION:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Council Meeting:

March 26, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Please visit the Iberia Parish Government website:

www.iberiaparishgovernment.com to complete the Stormwater Management Survey and view adjudicated properties through Civic Source.

A motion was made by Mr. Caymen Crappell, seconded by Mr. Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., that the Iberia Parish Council 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, Lloyd Brown, Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., Natalie Broussard, Dustin Suire, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Brock Pellerin, Brian P. Napier, Lady Fontenette Brown, Caymen Crappell, and Chad Maturin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Marcus "Bruce" Broussard.

And the motion was declared adopted this 12th day of March, 2025.

Chairman James P. Trahan then declared the meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE:



Clerk of the Council