

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

MAY 28, 2025  
FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA  
6:00 P.M.

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

The Invocation was pronounced by Dr. Rink and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Adams.

Mr. Olander moved that the reading of the First Regular Meeting, May 14, 2025 be dispensed with and that the same be approved. Mr. Hill seconded the motion, which carried.

Jazmin Dubois, Coalition Coordinator, South Central Louisiana Human Services Authority appeared before the Council to introduce the Coalition, share the work that is being done, and ways to work together to create a safer and healthier environment for our young people.

Bridgette Homer, Director of Homeownership Programs, Capital Area Finance Authority appeared before the Council to discuss the program.

In response to Rev. Mathews’ inquiry, Ms. Homer stated that a 620 credit score is required and she expounded on services offered.

Per Dr. Rink’s inquiry relative to funding, Ms. Homer stated that an allocation was requested from the State to help with funding, CAFA, and reinvesting bonds for over 40 years..

Mr. Ina requested to move up Item 13A, “Resolution submitting a Certificate evidencing public approval of bonds pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, relative to Capital Area Finance Authority offering a bond program to citizens interested in purchasing housing in St. Mary Parish.”

Mr. Ina moved that the following Resolution be adopted. Mr. Hill seconded the motion, which carried by the following 9-0-0-2 Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Mathews, Ina, Olander, Hill, Davis, Duhon, Adams, Rink, and Hidalgo

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Rulf and Hebert

**RESOLUTION**

**CERTIFICATE OF ST. MARY  
EVIDENCING PUBLIC APPROVAL OF BONDS  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 147(f) OF THE  
INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED**

**WHEREAS**, the Capital Area Finance Authority (the “**Authority**”), a public trust created pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 2-A of Title 9 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (R.S. 9:2341-9:2347, inclusive) (the “**Act**”) has, by resolution dated 9-18, 2023, in accordance with the requirements of the Act, and the Rules and Regulations of the Louisiana State

Bond Commission (the “**Commission**”), duly authorized the issuance of not exceeding \$100,000,000 of Capital Area Finance Authority Revenue Bonds in one or more series (the “**Bonds**”) to finance loans to first-time homebuyers within the jurisdictional parishes of the Authority and such other governmental units (the “**Participating Jurisdictions**”) whose governing authority authorized and directed the execution of a cooperative endeavor agreement (a “**CEA**”) with the Authority under the provisions of the Act and other applicable constitutional and statutory authorities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission, on August 17, 2023, duly authorized the issuance and sale of the Bonds in accordance with law and the Commission's Rules and Regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bonds are classified as exempt facility bonds under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “**Code**”) and the provisions of Section 147(f)(2)(A), (B) and (E) of the Code require that issuance of the Bonds be approved by the “applicable elected representative” of the governmental unit which issues such bonds or on whose behalf such bonds are issued and by the “applicable elected representative” of such other Participating Jurisdictions that have executed a CEA with the Authority under the provisions of the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, (the “**Governmental Unit**”) has executed a CEA with the Authority to permit the financing of loans to first-time homebuyers within geographic area of the Governmental Unit; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicable elected representative (the “**Approving Representative**”) of the Governmental Unit for purposes of approving the Bonds is David Hanagriff /Parish President and

**WHEREAS**, in compliance with the requirements of the Code, Notice of Public Hearing (attached as **Exhibit “A”** hereto), was published in (i) The Advocate, Baton Rouge, Louisiana on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, (ii) The Daily Advertiser, Lafayette, Louisiana on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, (iii) the Houma Courier, Houma, Louisiana on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, (iv) the Lake Charles American Press, Lake Charles, Louisiana on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, (v) The News Star, Monroe, Louisiana on September 8, 2023, (vi) the Times-Picayune, New Orleans, Louisiana on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, (vii) The Times, Shreveport, Louisiana on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and (viii) The Town Talk, Alexandria, Louisiana on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and

**WHEREAS**, in compliance with the requirements of the Code, the public hearing with respect to the issuance of said Bonds was held on September 18, 2023, at 1:00 p.m., Louisiana Time, at 601 St. Ferdinand Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, and simultaneously held by teleconference with a toll-free number 1-888-475-4499 and guest access code 994-030-3250 in accordance with Rev. Proc. 2022-20 after due notice thereof was published in the official journal of the Authority and in the aforementioned publications sufficient to inform the public within the geographic area of the Participating Jurisdictions of the subject, date and place of said public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, no objections were raised by any person present at the said hearing or by any person participating by teleconference relative to the issuance of the Bonds; and

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned, Approving Representative of the Participating Jurisdiction, desires to approve the issuance of the Bonds for the purposes of the Code.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the undersigned does hereby certify that the Chief elected executive officer/governing authority Governing authority of the Participating Jurisdiction, hereby approves, and confirms the issuance of the Bonds. The Authority, and its officers, are authorized to cause this certificate to be filed of record in the transcript of proceedings for the Bonds and to file a copy thereof with any State or Federal agency, board or commission as may be required by any applicable State or Federal laws, rules, or regulations.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

**APPROVED:**

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**GWENDOLYN L. HIDALGO, CHAIRPERSON  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**ATTEST:**

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

**WITNESS** my signature this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, at \_\_\_\_\_, Louisiana.

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**Sam Jones /Parish President**

Debbie Guzzetta was not present to appear before the Council to discuss Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 2A.

Mrs. Hidalgo introduced Jake Benoit, Senator John Kennedy’s Office. Mr. Benoit stated that he is the regional representative for Senator John Kennedy for the Acadiana/Lafayette area.

Lee Price, Morgan City resident, appeared before the Council with concerns regarding the Consolidated Gravity Drainage District 2A pumps. He expounded on Pump Station No. 9 flow, pump station being built at the wrong elevation, flow rate relative to discharge of pumps, pumping water over the levee, cavitation issues, capacity, use of an existing spare pump (that is laying on the ground), a plan of action and resources to correct issues, and cost of two (2) rental pumps and discharge hose.

Mr. Duhon stated that the issue is that everything was broken and that the pump laying on the ground belongs to the drainage district but was removed when pumps were removed from Pump Station No. 3. He informed that pumps in Siracusaville pump out water for Wyandotte and Lakeside areas and no pumps were running the morning after Hurricane Francine. He also stated that Pump Station No. 6 had only one (1) pump running just before Hurricane Francine and that the kill cooler on the hydraulic pump was tied up with bailing rope and the Caterpillar engine’s turbo charger was broken for months but has since been installed. He stated that he called one of Gordy Dove’s engineers that installed pumps in Lafourche and Terrebonne Parish an engineer was hired. He informed that he and President Jones was able to acquire \$12 million to help with repair or replacing pumps. He also stated that Pump Station No. 4 used to have six (6) or seven (7) pumps, overhauled one (1) but only had two (2) working. He informed that an engine that was overhauled yesterday is up and running. He informed that he brought several Council Members and Paul Rappmundt to visit the pumps. He stated that the generator was not included in the contract and when Pump Station No. 9 ran out of fuel in the middle of the night during Hurricane Francine, he helped deliver a generator there in order to transfer the fuel to the pumps to get them back up and running. He informed that Pump Station No. 4 now has two (2) more pumps functioning and more will be delivered soon.

Several Council Members questioned the legality of cutting through the levee to install the pipes, time and manpower needed to correct issues, price, and whether the district has maintenance personnel or pumpers at the pump station. Mr. Duhon stated that there were two (2) maintenance men that are no longer there but there are pumpers and that the pumps were either broken or put out of order.

In response to Rev. Mathews’ inquiry, Clerk of the Council, Lisa Morgan stated that the deadline to receive applications for Consolidated Gravity Drainage District 2A vacancies is noon on June 18, 2025 and appointments will be placed on the June 25, 2025 agenda.

Per Rev. Mathews’ inquiry, Mr. Duhon stated that he has a GIS Engineer, the bid was put out three (3) weeks ago for Pump Station No. 4, and with President Jones’ help, it should have pumps and engines up by July 2025. He also stated that he and President Jones were responsible for obtaining Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) funds. President Jones explained the funding process from CPRA.

Several Council Members discussed assisting in educating the boards and commissions and possibly creating a position within the Parish Government with specific expertise responsible for obtaining

funding, strategic planning, and overseeing/inspecting the engineers of these projects. They also reminded that they requested the boards and commissions to submit a status report to them. Mr. Adams stated that the inspector will only inspect what is being constructed according to the approved plans. President Jones stated that in a catastrophic event, a special legislation is done that gives the Parish President authorization.

Mario Gross, Morgan City resident, appeared before the Council with concerns regarding Consolidated Gravity Drainage District 2A pumps. He expounded on cavitation of the pumps, air backflow going back to pipes causing cavitation, reducing reconfiguration of the pumps, and suggestions to resolve issues.

In response to several Council Members' inquiries, Mr. Governale stated that the Chief Administrative Officer has authority to hire. Legal Counsel, Morgan Guillory Bodin stated that Section 4-03 and Section 4-11 of the Home Rule Charter does govern for the administrations authority over organization of personnel. She informed that Section 4-11 outlines that the Chief Administrative Officer has the authority to bring to the Council a proposal for deconstruction, reconstruction, and creation of positions that the Council can act on.

Melanie Topham, Morgan City resident, appeared before the Council with concerns regarding Consolidated Gravity Drainage District 2A pumps.

In response to Ms. Topham's inquiry, Mr. Duhon expounded on funding and the requirements by the Corps of Engineer to install pipes through the levee. President Jones stated that funding from Baton Rouge and Washington sometimes takes 4-5 years to receive.

Paul Rappmundt appeared before the Council with concerns regarding Consolidated Gravity Drainage District 2A and gave opinions to resolve issues. Mr. Duhon stated that Pump Station No. 4 has two (2) engines running and they will change the right angle drive on one (1) pump tomorrow.

Parish President, Sam Jones stated that it will take \$500,000 to upgrade the Harold J. "Babe" Landry Landfill in Berwick to meet all requirements. He reported on the \$14 million received to repair the pumps and explained the contract. He stated that he is trying to get funding for the City of Berwick for pump repair and will also assess issues in Bayou Vista.

Chief Administrative Officer, Paul J. Governale, submitted his report for a two (2) week period, ending May 28, 2025. He read a report into the record from Tim Matte, St. Mary Parish Levee District Director, on the progress of the CPRA Project. Mr. Duhon stated that he would like to have a weekly report.

Per Mr. Duhon's inquiry relative to the testing results on Pump Station No. 9, Mr. Governale stated that he has not received the report.

Mr. Duhon requested a list of all pumps, engines, and generators at Pump Station No. 4, No. 6, No. 8, and No. 9 that are being fixed. He stated they will be installed in the order most needed, which is Pump Station No. 4, No. 9, No. 6, and then No. 8.

In response to Mr. Duhon's inquiry relative to Mr. Governale speaking to the State and whether there are pumps on standby, President Jones stated that pumps are not given before a hurricane. Mr. Governale stated that he has not spoken to anyone with the State and will have the resources to help with a major storm.

Per Mr. Ina's inquiry relative to the status of the employee Compensation Study and Organizational Review, Mr. Governale stated several proposals have been received, he will meet with legal counsel to discuss awarding the best contract, and that the study should be completed by late fall of this year.

In response to Mr. Ina's inquiry relative to the status of the employee's mosquito certification, Mr. Governale stated that he will research that information.

Planning & Zoning Director, Mandi LeBlanc, presented the following items as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission at their May 19, 2025 Regular Meeting.

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

Name: St. Mary Sugar Land Company, Inc.

P. O. Box 269

Jeanerette, LA 70544

Address: 19207 Hwy. 182 Jeanerette, LA

Parcel Id #-1875004057.00. - Sec. 70 T13S R8E;

AC Por No 4 1/2 Mathilda Pltn. part per plat 3T 45444 situated in Sec. 70 T13S R8E lying South of Hwy. 182 Acq. 229 309995.

Zoned: Agricultural (AG) Zoned District

PURPOSE: as shown on a plat titled “Plan of Land showing a portion of property of St. Mary Sugar Land Company, Inc. as per COB 229, Entry No. 309,995 being a portion of the Mathilda Plantation Partition to be subdivided into Tract “ ABCDA” Situated in: Section 70, T 13 S – R 8 E “St. Mary Parish, Louisiana Southwestern Land District” as drawn by Miller Engineers & Associates, Inc. Engineers & Land Surveyors, dated April 15, 2025, DWG. No. 15218.

**b. Recommend Preliminary & Final Subdivision/Development Approval**

Name: South Louisiana Electric Co-Association

P. O. Box 4037

Houma, LA 70361

Address: 9351 & 9367 Hwy. 182 Amelia, LA

Parcel Id #1875004057.00.- Sec. 42 T16S R13E;

Lot PTUVP Containing .74 Acre 21 178130

Parcel Id #3404261001.00.- Sec. 42 T16S R13E;

Tract PQRSTP Containing 1.96 Ac Per Plat 21 178130

Zoned: Heavy Industrial (HI) Zoned District

PURPOSE: as shown on a plat titled “Survey showing the transfer of existing assets for Bayou Ramos Substation on property belonging to South Louisiana Electric Cooperative Association to be subdivided into Tract “ B” Situated in: Section 42, T 16 S – R 13 E “Southeastern Land District West of the Mississippi, St Mary Parish” as drawn by Red Stick Power, Land Surveyors, dated April 17, 2025.

Mrs. LeBlanc informed that these subdivisions are pending variance approval by the Board of Adjustments.

Mr. Olander recommends the above Preliminary & Final Subdivision/Development Approvals. Rev. Mathews seconded the motion, which carried.

**c. Recommend Rezoning**

Name: St. Mary Parish Water & Sewer Commission No. 5

Represented by Mr. Lionel “Butch” Metz, President

Address: 1576 Cypremort Road, Franklin, LA

Parcel Id# 1814921030.00 - Sec.5 T14S R8E;

Lot Tract ABCDA Per Plat 22p 183076 Acq 22p 183076 Improvement of the Land of SMP Water & Sewer Comm No. 5 Acq 22p 183076.

PURPOSE: to rezone from Existing Neighborhood (EN2) Zoned District to Light Industrial (LI) Zoned District to place an office building on the property for Water & Sewer Commission No. 5.

**d. Recommend Rezoning**

Name: St. Mary Parish Water & Sewer Commission No. 5  
Represented by Mr. Lionel “Butch” Metz, President  
Address: 1584 Cypremort Road, Franklin, LA

Parcel Id# 1814921037.00 - Sec.5 T14S R8E;  
0.84 Ac Por Tract VIII Per Plat 22H 181576 Situated Sec 5 T14S R8E Acq 42H 265366.

PURPOSE: to rezone from Existing Neighborhood (EN2) Zoned District to Light Industrial (LI) Zoned District to place an office building on the property for Water & Sewer Commission No. 5.

Mr. Olander recommends the above Rezoning. Rev. Mathews seconded the motion, which carried.

Dr. Rink moved that the Public Hearing Report, May 14, 2025 – 5:45 p.m. and May 14, 2025 – 5:50 p.m. be dispensed with and that the same be approved. Mr. Davis seconded the motion, which carried.

Dr. Rink informed that the Home Rule Charter Revision Commission will meet on June 26, 2025 and urged all Council Members to attend to give input on how they would like to see the structure of the Charter.

Rev. Mathews introduced the following Ordinances:

**ORDINANCE NO.**

An Ordinance in compliance with Ordinance No. 1973, Chapter 5 Procedures, Division 5.4 General Procedures for Public Hearing, Section 5.4.2 Rezoning (Zoning Map Amendments).

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

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 5 Procedures, Division 5.4 General Procedures for Public Hearing, Section 5.4.2 Rezoning (Zoning Map Amendments) provides a process for the official zoning district map to be amended, 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 rezoned from Existing Neighborhood (EN2) Zoned District to Light Industrial (LI) Zoned District to place an office building on the property for Water & Sewer Commission No. 5.

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 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025; having been published in accordance with law.

**EXHIBIT “A”**

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Dr. Rink moved that the following Ordinances be adopted. Mr. Hill seconded the motion, which carried  
by the following 9-0-0-2 Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Ina, Olander, Hill, Davis, Duhon, Adams, Rink, Hidalgo, and Mathews

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Rulf and Hebert

**RESOLUTION**

Resolution authorizing the President to execute an agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) for improvements at the Harry P. Williams Memorial Airport.

**WHEREAS**, Act 451 of the 1989 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature authorized the financing of certain airport improvements from funds appropriated from the Transportation Trust Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Mary Parish Government has requested funding assistance from the LA DOTD to/for designing the North Apron Rehabilitation; and

**WHEREAS**, the stated project has been approved by the Louisiana Legislature and the LA DOTD is agreeable to the implementation of this project and desires to cooperate with the St. Mary Parish Government according to the terms and conditions identified in the attached Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the LA DOTD will provide the necessary funding for the mill and overlay the runway and reimburse the sponsor up to \$11,000.00 of project cost.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the St. Mary Parish Government that it does hereby authorize the President to execute an Agreement for the project identified as AIP No. 3-22-0044-025-2023 and SPN H.015904, more fully identified in the Agreement attached hereto, and to execute any subsequent related documents, including, but not limited to, amendments to said agreement.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

**APPROVED:**

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**GWENDOLYN L. HIDALGO CHAIRPERSON  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**ATTEST:**

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

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**WHEREAS**, Act 451 of the 1989 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature authorized the financing of certain airport improvements from funds appropriated from the Transportation Trust Fund; and



**WHEREAS**, the St. Mary Parish Government has requested funding assistance from the LA DOTD to/for designing the South Parking Lot Rehabilitation; and

**WHEREAS**, the stated project has been approved by the Louisiana Legislature and the LA DOTD is agreeable to the implementation of this project and desires to cooperate with the St. Mary Parish Government according to the terms and conditions identified in the attached Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the LA DOTD will provide the necessary funding for the mill and overlay the runway and reimburse the sponsor up to \$5,000.00 of project cost.

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**APPROVED:**

**GWENDOLYN L. HIDALGO CHAIRPERSON  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**ATTEST:**

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

**RESOLUTION**

A Resolution approving and authorizing Parish President to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between Rapides Parish Policy Jury, Rapides Parish Sheriff, American Red Cross, St. Martin Parish Government and St. Mary Parish Government relative to sheltering of St. Mary Parish Critical Transportation Needs Evacuees and their Pets at The Rapides Coliseum.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Sam Jones, 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 Memorandum of Understanding between Rapides Parish Policy Jury, Rapides Parish Sheriff, American Red Cross, St. Martin Parish Government and St. Mary Parish Government relative to sheltering of St. Mary Parish Critical Transportation Needs Evacuees and their Pets at The Rapides Coliseum, with said Memorandum of Understanding to contain such terms, conditions and stipulations as he may best see fit, he being fully authorized in the premises.

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**APPROVED:**

**GWENDOLYN L. HIDALGO, CHAIRPERSON**

**ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**ATTEST:**

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Referred from the May 14, 2025, Council Meeting – Appointment to the following Boards and Commissions.

**Drainage District No. 6 (Amelia) – 1 Vacancy**

Denise Chaisson

Mr. Duhon moved that Denise Chaisson be appointed to Drainage District No. 6. Dr. Rink seconded the motion, which carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Nelda T. Dural has written to resign from Recreation District No. 2 previously from a text on April 15, 2025.

Ms. Dural will be sent a letter thanking her for her service and the vacancy will be advertised.

- B. Charles “Chuck” Walters has written to resign from the board of St. Mary Parish Drainage District No. 6 effective immediately.

Mr. Walters will be sent a letter thanking him for his service and the vacancy will be advertised.

- C. Sidney Michelle has written to resign from the board of St. Mary Parish Consolidated Drainage District No. 2 effective immediately.

Mr. Michelle will be sent a letter thanking him for his service and the vacancy will be advertised.

- D. Charlie R. Solar, Jr. has written to resign from the board of St. Mary Parish Consolidated Drainage District No. 2 effective immediately.

Mr. Solar will be sent a letter thanking him for his service and the vacancy will be advertised.

- E. Discussion and action relative to assignment of the respective length of terms of the Personnel Board Members per the St. Mary Parish Home Rule Charter Section 4-08 E.

Mr. Adams moved to adopt the term lengths of the Personnel Board Members.

After discussion, Mr. Adams withdrew his motion to allow Mr. Ina to recommend the term length assignment.

Mr. Ina explained that this board consists of five (5) members with staggered terms. Mr. Ina moved that the recommendations for consideration are randomly selected and are as follows:

Jackie Roberson, Sr. – one year term ending May 28, 2026

Candace L. Dinger – two year term ending May 28, 2027

Everette W. Logeman – three year term ending May 28, 2028  
Leslie Luquette – four year term ending May 28, 2029  
Donna M. Bogan – five year term ending May 28, 2030  
Rev. Mathews seconded the motion, which carried.

Dr. Rink explained that the Charter has the terms staggered so that all five term expirations do not occur at the same time.

- F. Discussion and action relative to the Official Journal for the Parish of St. Mary for the year July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026.

**BIDS RECEIVED:**

St. Mary and Franklin Banner-Tribune	The Morgan City Review
\$6.00 per square (billed in column inches)	\$6.00 per square (billed in column inches)

Rev. Mathews moved that the quote of \$6.00 per square (billed in column inches depending on font and type size) from Publisher of The Morgan City Review serve as the official journal of St. Mary Parish for the upcoming fiscal year (July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026) be accepted. Mr. Duhon seconded the motion, which carried.

- G. Discussion and action relative to amending the 2024 St. Mary Parish Personnel Policy to integrate all 55 recommendations to allow for review and discussion. (Rev. Mathews)

Rev. Mathews stated that he and Dr. Rink attended the Home Rule Charter Revision Commission meeting last Thursday. He stated the Commission had discussion relative to the specific process of how the personnel policy is amended and adopted and the Commission requested the Council provide insite to them for consideration of those revisions.

Rev. Mathews moved that all 55 revisions be integrated into the 2024 St. Mary Parish Personnel Policy. Dr. Rink seconded the motion.

After discussion, Rev. Mathews amended his motion to recommend and urge the Parish Administration to consider integrating all 55 recommendations into the Personnel Policy. Dr. Rink seconded the motion, which carried.

Mr. Governale informed that the Charter states that revisions are made by the Director of Personnel who submits it to the Chief Administrative Officer who submits it to the Council in the form of an ordinance. He also stated that his opinion is that five or six of the recommendations warrant a change and are being prepared. He stated that most of the recommendations are to change verbiage, which is stated in the current policy and does not need to be changed. He informed that there is a glossary in the back of the new Personnel Policy that defines what some of those terms mean.

- H. Appointments to the following Boards and Commissions:

**Gravity Sub-Drainage District No. 1 of Gravity Drainage District No. 2 (Bayou Vista) – 1 Vacancy**

Donald James Mayon, Jr.

Mr. Hill moved that Donald James Mayon, Jr. be appointed to Gravity Sub-Drainage District No. 1 of Gravity Drainage District No. 2. Mr. Davis seconded the motion, which carried.

**Industrial Development Board – 2 Vacancies**

Henry C. “Bo” LaGrange

Mr. Davis moved that Henry C. “Bo” LaGrange be appointed to the Industrial Development Board. Mr. Duhon seconded the motion, which carried.

In response to Mr. Ina’s inquiry, Lisa Morgan stated that she has not received any late applications but if she receives any before the next meeting, they will be placed on the next agenda.

Mr. Hill informed that there are two (2) vacancies. Per Rev. Mathews’ inquiry relative to whether candidates who missed the deadline are considered for the second vacancy, Lisa Morgan stated that they have to submit their applications.

In response to Dr. Rink’s inquiry, Mrs. Hidalgo stated that the Industrial Development Board may meet twice a year. Mr. Governale stated that his understanding is that they meet as needed and there are Industrial Development Bonds that businesses use to create jobs and part of the ITEP program is included. Rev. Mathews explained that with these bonds, the State requires a board be created.

Per Mr. Price’s inquiries relative to applying to the Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 2A Board, Mr. Governale expounded on use of Parish equipment, bank account balance, size of proposed generator to purchase, and copy of blueprints.

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

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Lisa C. Morgan, Clerk

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Gwendolyn L. Hidalgo, Chairperson