

Planning & Zoning Commission
Regular Meeting
March 16, 2026
6:00 p.m.
St. Mary Parish Courthouse Fifth Floor
Franklin, Louisiana

The Planning & Zoning Commission met on this date with Chairman Barry Druilhet presiding and the following members present: Danny Lipari, Jimmy Wiley, and Joshua Montgomery. Absent were Jeremy Chesteen, Melissa Darden, and Carla Davis.

Mr. Montgomery pronounced the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Montgomery moved that the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting, February 23, 2026 be dispensed with and that the same be approved. Mr. Wiley seconded the motion, which carried.

Mr. Druilhet read the request for the Rezoning of three (3) parcels of property by Bruce Saucier from Single Family Residential (SR) Zoned District and Light Industrial (LI) Zoned District to Agricultural (AG) Zoned District located at 2917 Hwy 87. Franklin LA, Pending Board of Adjustments approval. Sec. 39; T14S R10E; -Parcel Id # 2384901001.00 4.90 Ac Tract ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZA Per Plat 27u 209000, Being situated in Sec. 39 T14S-R10E, Acq. 195 305379.- 2917 Hwy. 87. Franklin LA, Sec. 37 T14S R10E; Parcel Id# 2414881001.00 Sec. 37.86; Ac Por Tract ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZA Per Plat 27u 209000, Being situated in Sec. 37; T14S R10E; Acq. 195 305379 and – 2800 Hwy. 87, Franklin, LA; Sec. 37; T14S R10E; Parcel Id# 2414881003.00; Sec. 27.19; Ac Por Tract ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZA, Per Plat 27u 209000, lying West of LA 87; Acq. 195 305379.

Bruce Saucier appeared before the board to discuss the request for the Rezoning of three (3) parcels of property he owns, from Single Family Residential (SR) Zoned District and Light Industrial (LI) Zoned District to Agricultural (AG) Zoned District located at 2917 Hwy. 87, Franklin, LA.

Mr. Saucier stated that the reason for the Rezone request is to allow him to build a barn for the purpose of storing farm equipment and to house his animals. He stated that he owns 74 cows and 55 pigs.

In reference to Mr. Lipari's inquiry, Director of Planning and Zoning, Mrs. Mandi LeBlanc, explained that that Mr. Saucier owns multiple farm animals and rezoning the property to agriculture would be a better use of the property.

Mr. Lipari made a motion to approve the request for the Rezoning of three (3) parcels of property by Bruce Saucier from Single Family Residential (SR) Zoned District and Light Industrial (LI) Zoned District to Agricultural (AG) Zoned District located at 2917 Hwy 87. Franklin LA, Pending Board of Adjustments approval. Sec. 39; T14S R10E; -Parcel Id # 2384901001.00 4.90 Ac Tract ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZA Per Plat 27u 209000, Being situated in Sec. 39 T14S-R10E, Acq. 195 305379.- 2917 Hwy. 87. Franklin LA, Sec. 37 T14S R10E; Parcel Id# 2414881001.00 Sec. 37.86; Ac Por Tract ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZA Per Plat 27u 209000, Being situated in Sec. 37; T14S R10E; Acq. 195 305379 and – 2800 Hwy. 87, Franklin, LA; Sec. 37; T14S R10E; Parcel Id# 2414881003.00; Sec. 27.19; Ac Por Tract ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZA, Per Plat 27u 209000, lying West of LA 87; Acq. 195 305379.

Mr. Montgomery seconded the motion, which carried by the following 3-0-0-3 Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Danny Lipari, Jimmy Wiley, and Joshua Montgomery

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Jeremy Chesteen, Melissa Darden, and Carla Davis

Mr. Druilhet read the request for the Rezoning of property by Darla Lanie represented by Damier Austin with D&T Carpentry, LLC from Existing Neighborhood (EN2) Zoned District to Agricultural (AG) Zoned District located at 548 Verdun Ln., Franklin, LA 70538. Sec. 5; T15S R10E; - Parcel Id# 2534521025.00 - Lot BD Richardson - Lane - Luke – Queen Acq. 370893 and 558 Prairie Rd., Franklin, LA 70380 - Parcel Id# 2534501031.00 - Lot 30A Resubd. No. 30 Victor Von Schoeler Part being the Prop. of Shawn C. and Laura Gash Austin, Per Plat 114 293976; Acq. 117 294357.

Damier Austin with D&T Carpentry LLC. appeared before the board to discuss the Rezoning of property by Darla Lanie from Existing Neighborhood (EN2) Zoned District to Agricultural (AG) Zoned District located at 548 & 558 Verdun Lane, Franklin, Louisiana. He explained that the property is being purchased by a company that will be farming the land and intends to construct a metal storage building to house their farm equipment.

In reference to Mr. Lipari's inquiry, Mrs. LeBlanc stated that all requirements have been met.

Mr. Lipari made a motion to approve the Rezoning of property by Darla Lanie represented by Damier Austin with D&T Carpentry, LLC from Existing Neighborhood (EN2) Zoned District to Agricultural (AG) Zoned District located at 548 Verdun Ln., Franklin, LA 70538. Sec. 5; T15S R10E; - Parcel Id# 2534521025.00 - Lot BD Richardson - Lane - Luke – Queen Acq. 370893 and 558 Prairie Rd., Franklin, LA 70380 - Parcel Id# 2534501031.00 - Lot 30A Resubd. No. 30 Victor Von Schoeler Part being the Prop. of Shawn C. and Laura Gash Austin, Per Plat 114 293976; Acq. 117 294357. Mr. Wiley seconded the motion, which carried by the following 3-0-0-3 Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Danny Lipari, Jimmy Wiley, and Joshua Montgomery

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Jeremy Chesteen, Melissa Darden, and Carla Davis

Mr. Druilhet read the request for Preliminary & Final Subdivision/Development Approval for a Subdivision of property for Rodriguez Brothers Farms, LLC., pending Board of Adjustments approval, and to be acquired by Ronald Rodriguez in an Agricultural (AG) Zoned located on Hwy. 83, Franklin, LA, Sec.55; T14S R9E; Parcel Id# 1964861001.00. 19.20 Ac Bd Kemper - Colbert – Cyp. Road -Dumesnil Et Al; Acq. 44E 273756.

Kevin Rodriguez appeared before the board to discuss the request for Preliminary & Final Subdivision/Development Approval for a Subdivision of property for Rodriguez Brothers Farms

LLC., pending Board of Adjustments, and to be acquired by Ronald Rodriguez in an Agricultural (AG) Zoned located on Highway 83, Franklin, Louisiana. He explained that he purchased the property next door and is donating a portion to Ronald Rodriguez to increase his yard space.

Mrs. LeBlanc informed that that the existing shed on the property would not meet the required rear setback requirements. Therefore, they have also applied for a rear setback variance with the Board of Adjustments.

Mr. Montgomery made a motion to approve the request for Preliminary & Final Subdivision/Development Approval for a Subdivision of property for Rodriguez Brothers Farms, LLC., pending Board of Adjustments approval, and to be acquired by Ronald Rodriguez in an Agricultural (AG) Zoned located on Hwy. 83, Franklin, LA, Sec.55; T14S R9E; Parcel Id# 1964861001.00. 19.20 Ac Bd Kemper - Colbert – Cyp. Road -Dumesnil Et Al; Acq. 44E 273756. Mr. Wiley seconded the motion, which carried by the following 3-0-0-3 Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Danny Lipari, Jimmy Wiley, and Joshua Montgomery

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Jeremy Chesteen, Melissa Darden, and Carla Davis

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

S/O Barry Druilhet

Chairman Barry Druilhet

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