

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PARISH LAFOURCHE

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL, PARISH OF LAFOURCHE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, WAS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2008 AT 5:00 P.M., AT THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL BARRIOS CENTER, 1612 HIGHWAY 182, SUITE 100, RACELAND, LOUISIANA.**

The Lafourche Parish Council was duly convened as the Governing Authority of said Parish by Chairman Michael Delatte, who then stated that the Lafourche Parish Council was ready for the transaction of business at 5:00 p.m.

Proceedings of the meeting were called to order with the following:

**ROLL CALL:** Mr. Jerry Jones, Vice-Chair  
Mr. Michael Delatte, Chairman  
Mr. Louis Richard  
Mr. Joseph "Joe" Fertitta  
Mr. Matt Matherne  
Mr. Lindel Toups  
Mr. Phillip Gouaux  
Mr. Rodney Doucet  
Mr. Daniel Lorraine  
Ms. Charlotte Randolph, Parish President

Chairman Delatte announced that the invocation would be led by Mr. Jerry Jones. The Council then recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Rodney Doucet. Chairman Delatte then welcomed everyone to the Council meeting.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The first item (1) on the agenda was a motion to accept the minutes of the February 12, 2008 Regular Session meeting. A motion was offered by Mr. Gouaux, seconded by Mr. Toups, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

### PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

The next item on the agenda was the Public to address the Council. Mr. Brian Hebert of Plaisance Drive addressed the Council in regards to the condition of his street, saying that he would greatly appreciate anything that the Council could do for them and hoped that they can be helped.

Mr. Doucet asked if the street has ever had a tacit dedication, as public or private, then asking if it was still private. President Randolph stated that there was some erroneous information that has been distributed concerning tacit dedications, in that the process was much more involved than what has been described. She said that a tacit dedication in this instance would require a declaratory judgment from the Courts, which has been recommended by the District Attorney. Mr. Doucet again questioned as to the current time, if the street was private; with President Randolph replying, "as far as we know, yes". Mr. Doucet then asked if it was owned by a certain land owner; with President Randolph saying "correct". Mr. Matherne stated that Mr. Toups had met with the District Attorney, in that he was also

supposed to have been there, but he could not make it, in that he will meet with him during the week. He further stated that the street was never intended to be a private street; explaining that he had put the waterline in, in that it was a mile of 6" cast iron, with hydrants every 500 feet. Mr. Matherne said that the man had no intention of having it a private street, but the paperwork was not done properly.

Mr. Matherne continued by expressing his opinions of the public being able to speak and the amount of time to do so. He read the names of the people that sat on the Home Rule Charter Commission and then directed a question to Mr. Fertitta, being that he assisted in drawing up the new Home Rule Charter, asking if at any time did they have anything saying that the public could not speak in some circumstances, saying that there was not anything in it to stop them from doing so. Mr. Fertitta replied that he believed that there was an ordinance or resolution to that affect. Chairman Delatte read from Ordinance No. 2403 which created procedures to be followed by persons wishing to address the Council during meetings, stating: 1) Any person wishing to address the Lafourche Parish Council on a particular matter may place that matter on the meeting agenda by notifying the Council Secretary at least seven calendar days prior to the meeting. 2) Any person addressing the Parish Council will be allowed a maximum of five minutes to convey his/her concerns. In the event discussion by members of the Council ensues, the speaker will be allowed a maximum of two minutes to rebut each Council question/discussion. 3) No person shall be allowed to address the Lafourche Parish Council concerning the same matter at more than two meetings. 4) Only one person per meeting will be allowed to address the Council on the same issue unless additional relevant information is presented. 5) Suspension from any provision of the policy can be made by a majority vote of the members present at the meeting. He then expressed that this was Law, in that he was trying to follow the Law that was established in 1996. Chairman Delatte then said that he also has rights as the Chairman, in that he was trying to be fair and impartial, but it was also part of the job to make sure that the meeting runs as smoothly, impartially, and as perfectly as they can get it done. He continued to express his feelings and concerns on the matter.

A brief discussion continued in regards to streets being private or public. Chairman Delatte then pointed out that it was not that the Council would not like to make a decision right now, in that there was a Law stating that they can not. He explained that if they would vote for it that any of the Councilmen doing so can actually be taken out of office or serve jail time for misappropriation of funds. Chairman Delatte then said that he had the same problems with roads in the Choctaw, Choupic, and the Raceland area. He mentioned that on some of the streets that the residents have gotten together and formed a little association, in that they each put in \$10 a month to keep up their roads themselves, saying that this could also be an idea for the people of Plaisance Drive to think about until the problem can be rectified. Chairman Delatte expressed that this was working well for the residents, which their roads were in number one shape, further explaining that they go in and fix the pot holes that develops. He continued to explain that was an answer that they had come up with to help their Community, which could also be an option for them to consider to help the residents of Plaisance Drive until they can get some answers.

Mr. Toups stated that he did speak with District Attorney Morvant and his Assistant Lisa Orgeron on Monday, saying that Mr. Matherne was unable to attend the meeting. He said that Mr. Morvant had said the same thing that he had said four or five years ago, in that they would have to change the ordinance. Mr. Toups explained that they would put their Road Royalty monies in jeopardy if they were to take in the road right now. He said that the DA had informed his Assistant to work on a plan to where they can maybe take in the roads. Mr. Toups expressed that he hoped that it can be done.

A brief discussion and debate again ensued in regards to the public speaking at the meetings.

[Mr. Leroy Foret](#) of Raceland addressed the Council to inform them about the history of Plaisance Drive. He began by saying that the Parish had accepted 1,600 feet of old man Plaisance's road, before Plaisance Drive was made, saying that all he had done after he had bought it was extend it to make a subdivision, in that he had been working on the road since 1979, buying every shell put there until three years ago. Mr. Foret continued to explain in detail that the road was then broken up, saying that it had a

good foundation of asphalt, that a bunch of people had taken pictures, and they went out there having all the machines that went on the road and had 23 truck loads of limestone, fixing up the road, putting concrete, having everything set to put the asphalt the next day, but they had a phone call saying that they could not do it, which was from the Engineer from Thibodaux, saying that it was Carl Heck's son. He further stated that he had put asphalt on the road in 1982, also putting shells. Mr. Foret said that he sold his first lot in 1981. He said that the Parish had gone out there putting up street lights all over the road in 1985; and that he had since been putting the shells. Mr. Foret went on to say that they had went out to grade the road and that the lady at the barn had told him that she would vouch saying that she had sent a fellow from the Parish to grade the road for at least two years; in that he was getting all the papers together and would have them in the morning. He then expressed that he can not see why every time he goes that they have had said that he had donated the road at the time Francis Dugas was the DA, in that he was told that there was nothing wrong and it would be accepted. Mr. Foret briefly mentioned the waterline being put in. He then said that the Parish was suppose to have paid \$23,800 for the limestone and for the concrete that they had put on the road, being but three years ago, saying that Barriere did the job. Detailed discussions and debates continued in regards to what was done and to what may be done with the information given.

[Bobbie Morris Galjour](#) of Church Street in Lockport thanked the Council for their recent approval of the measure to fix the Lockport swimming pool, in that their positive action will ensure that swimming will be preserved in the near future for both children and adults. She said that in the meantime that they needed to focus on maintaining the LRD#1 Board, which has a balanced view of all elements of their well rounded recreation program. Ms. Galjour continued by saying that they were indeed fortunate to have a recreational program that can reach out to children of all interest and ages, and even to adults. She stated in her opinion that a big part of the recreational program was the swimming capabilities afforded by their Lockport pool, which needs to be just as affectively maintained as the other elements of recreation, such as baseball, basketball, softball, tennis, and arts and crafts. Ms. Galjour expressed that she believed that David Hodson can be an instrumental part of doing just that on the LRD Board #1. So, with regards to filling the current vacancy on the Board, she requested that the Council appoint Mr. Hodson to that position, saying that he can best fill the recent vacancy as he will take an approach to maintaining recreational assets and facilities. She said that he can help achieve the necessary balance between all elements of recreation and ensure good stewardship of the public funds designated for recreation. Ms. Galjour continued by saying that his integrated perspective on recreation as a long time resident and user of recreational facilities and programs will help provide more comprehensive management of the total recreational program. She stated for all the reasons mentioned that they need the LRD#1 Board that sees the value of swimming within a total and comprehensive recreational program, in that David Hodson would be that type of Board Member, requesting that he be appointed to ensure that the recreational programs can continue to serve the public in an excellent fashion, with a balanced recreational perspective.

[Thaddeus Trosclair](#) of East 25th Street in Cut Off addressed the Council in regards to the problems being had with the ditch that was dug behind his house, on the north side. He said that it was probably 16 feet when it was originally dug, which is now 20 feet. Mr. Trosclair expressed that his septic tank would be exposed in another year or so, with the rate it was going, stating that this would be a health issue and that he did not know what to do about it. He continued to explain his concerns in detail and of what he was told that can or can not be done.

Mr. Ray Cheramie, Director of the Department of Public Works, explained that it was a large area draining into the ditch, in that there were two residential areas that drain into that outfall canal. He said that they looked into the situation when they were approached about providing extra drainage for the front of the street, and they found that there was an existing right-of-way on the back side of the

property that Mr. Trosclair owns, saying that they have it in a plat. Mr. Cheramie stated that there was an existing outfall canal that ran on the middle of the property line, half being on Mr. Trosclair's property and the other half being on the adjacent property owner's side. He said that they had contacted the adjacent land owner, not wanting to dig on the property that the residents lived on, which did give that right-of-way to dig a ditch on his property, to help the residents. Mr. Cheramie stated that they had found the property line markers right in the middle of the existing outfall canal, further saying that he could bring in one of the excavator operator to testify that they were directed not to dig anything across the property line. He said that they dug on the property adjacent to the houses, reiterating that they did not dig on Mr. Trosclair's property. Mr. Cheramie continued by explaining options that were available to remedy the erosion problem. Detailed discussions and debates then ensued.

## PRESENTATIONS

The next item (2) on the agenda was a Quarterly report from Martha Babin, Director of Head Start. Ms. Babin presented the Council with a detailed quarterly Head Start report (*see Exhibit "A"*).

Mr. Doucet stated that in reviewing the report that he did not understand why there was a waiting list if there was a drop in enrollment. Ms. Babin explained that they were required to maintain a waiting list, in that they could only put a certain number of children in a classroom, explaining that they had a predominant number of children that were four years old, so they could put 20 children in a classroom with two teachers. She further explained that because most four year olds went to the public schools this past year, that their predominant age was three; therefore only being able to put 17 children per class. She continued to say that they could not physically serve 347 children any more. Further explanations ensued in regards to the enrollment and of the required ages.

The next item (3) on the agenda was Mr. Danny Mayet with the Lafourche Parish Recreation District No. 2 to present an annual report. Mr. Mayet introduced himself as the Chairman of the Recreation District No. 2 Board located in Raceland, he then presented a very detailed comprehensive annual report (*see Exhibit "B"*).

Chairman Delatte commended Mr. Mayet on presenting a clean, efficient, and down to detail report, saying that he has done so for the last of couple of years, whereas it is very easy to understand, that it is laid out very well, and that it was a pleasure to go through a report as this one.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT(S)

The next item (4) on the agenda was a report from Brennan Matherne, Director of Parks, Recreations and Public Facilities. Mr. Matherne presented the Council with a report (*see Exhibit "C"*), briefing them of ongoing Parks and Recreation projects and a few updates with Public Facilities.

Mr. Doucet stated that he saw in the report that the engineer was currently working on the specifications for the installation of the chiller, expressing that he thought that the chiller project had gone before and that it was all done, in that they told the amount of money to buy it and get that job done. He then asked Mr. Matherne if they have to now wait for another price, stating that it was not his understanding. Mr. Matherne explained that it was basically the same process that they used for the first time around with the Courthouse Annex, saying that they had a bid and a price on the chiller itself, which the price was to purchase the chiller. He said that the specifications needed to be worked on to hook the chiller up to the Courthouse, being the most expensive part of the project. Further explanations and discussions continued.

Mr. Toups then asked Mr. Matherne what types of repairs were going to be done to the restrooms at the Raceland Ag Center. Mr. Matherne said that they were going to basically make sure that they were in working order, in that they have been neglected over the years because the facility was not being used, and they were going to do what they could in-house to put them in working condition.

The next item (5) on the agenda was Ms. Chastity Himel, Finance Director, to give a Finance Report. Ms. Himel began by saying that she had mailed out the Royalty reports and the Sales Tax reports to the Councilmen, in that she had just handed out the Operating Statements for January and December. She then presented a detailed PowerPoint presentation (*see Exhibit "D"*) reporting on Royalty Revenues, Road Sales Tax District No. 2, Road Sales Tax District A, and Solid Waste.

Ms. Himel then stated that she provided the Council with information based on the District Attorney's Opinion for the findings of the Legislative Audit. She mentioned that she also provided them with the 2007-2008 State Travel Guide, as well as a copy of the ordinance for the Travel Policy. Ms. Himel stated that they will be having training from someone from the State either on March 26th or 27th, in that she will send notices to everyone, as well as Boards/Commissions that may fall under the Parish's policy. Ms. Himel updated the Council on what the Finance Department was doing to make sure all travel is properly documented, in that it was being funneled through one person in Finance, making sure that all necessary documents were provided prior to approving payment, and that they have created a separate file for travel.

Ms. Himel stated that the Council has also been provided with a draft of the Cell Phone Policy and Procedures. She explained that they have implemented where all the employees that have a Parish cell phone are reviewing their monthly bill, highlighting any personal phone calls, and then having the Supervisor and themselves signing off on the bills. Ms. Himel next stated that the Council has been provided with a draft of the Vehicle Procedures that has been put together, along with a copy of the new vehicle log, which were submitted to Finance on a weekly basis. She continued by saying that the Council was supplied with a draft of the Credit Card Procedures, explaining that it was also being funneled through one person to ensure that they were being paid properly.

Mr. Toups questioned the cell phones, in that they would have to keep up with their calls. Ms. Himel explained what they were doing, in that they were sending out the bills to everyone that has a Parish cell phone, asking that they review their bills, indicating if they have any personal phone calls and then submitting it back to the Finance Office. She further stated that it was part of the Legislative Auditor's request that they do so.

Mr. Gouaux then mentioned that a few years back that they changed the way they accounted for travel, in that they had adopted the State Travel Guide, but in addition to that they had an ordinance passed that required them to submit receipts and could only be paid for what they had receipts for and not per diem per say. Ms. Himel stated that prior to the current ordinance that there was a \$50 per day allowance, explaining that they now follow the State Travel Guidelines, in that receipts do not have to be submitted and that they would be reimbursed based upon the paperwork sent to the Finance Department, indicating the time and place that they were upon requesting the meal. She further explained that they were given so many dollars for lunch, so many dollars for breakfast, and so many dollars for supper; but meeting the guidelines that were in the Travel Guide. A brief debate then ensued.

President Randolph stated that it should also be noted that everyone who is on 24/7 call that takes a vehicle home is now being charged \$3.00 in addition to their regular salary. She said that it was because the State Auditor has said that it was a requirement. Mr. Curole further explained that the amount "charged" was put on their W-2 as additional compensation, in that it was not dollars that were actually paid to the Parish, but it was added to their W-2, so that they basically pay taxes on that amount.

Mr. Curole then mentioned that he would really like the Council's input on the drafted policies that they had submitted to them, which was to be formerly turned into a proposed ordinance.

Mr. Jones questioned Ms. Himel in regards to his cell phone bill. Ms. Himel explained same.

Mr. Toups asked for further clarification on the procedures for a Parish vehicle to be used by an employee being on 24 hour call. President Randolph explained that a detailed mileage report has to actually be kept and proving the business purpose, so there would be no personal use of the vehicle. A brief discussion ensued in regards to the procedures.

## ENGINEERS/ARCHITECTS REPORTS

The next item on the agenda was a presentation of planned, presently on going, recently completed or other projects by appropriate engineering firms engaged by the Parish. Mr. Larry Picciola with **Angelette-Picciola, LLC Consulting Engineers and Surveyors** presented an engineering report (*see Exhibit "E"*) in regards to Road Sales Tax Districts 3, 5, and 6 Projects.

Mr. Matherne expressed that they needed better clarification on the procedures that the Councilmen have to follow in being able to request information from the Engineers, saying that he did not want to get in trouble, in that he knew that they could not direct the Engineers as to what to do.

Mr. Matherne said that he did have a problem on Lake Long, in that he thought they could do it, saying that it was a common place when the project is going on, asking if they did not have contingency funds in the projects. Mr. Picciola replied that these did not have any contingencies. Mr. Matherne then asked if the project under runs the estimated amounts, if that money could be spent; with Mr. Picciola explaining that it would be deducted as a Change Order at the end of the project, going back into the Parish funds. Mr. Matherne asked how they could get a Change Order into Meadowlands Subdivision; with Mr. Picciola explaining that it would have to be brought up on the Agenda and get it approved, in that it comes from the Administration. Mr. Matherne then asked President Randolph how he would go about getting that done because they were fixing to start in Meadowlands; with President Randolph responding with a question to Mr. Matherne. She asked if he had spoken to Mr. Arabie; with Mr. Matherne stating that he had, in that he also spoke with Mr. Norman Steib and Mr. Cressonie. Mr. Matherne continued by expressing that he has to speak to Mr. Arabie and let him speak to the Engineer, but he would like to have that clarified because he can speak to the Engineer at the meeting, further saying that it hampers the Councilmen. He reiterated that he really would like clarification, in that he did not want to break the Law and that he wanted to do what was in the Charter, but he also did not want to be hamstrung and not be able to stop and talk to the Engineer. Mr. Matherne continued to express his concerns on this matter. President Randolph restated her question, asking Mr. Matherne if Mr. Arabie was aware of the problem, asking if he was onsite seeing the problem mentioned. Mr. Matherne replied that Mr. Arabie was aware of it and it was his understanding that he was working with Mr. Steib. He said that he now hesitates calling Mr. Steib, in that he was going to do a drawing, coming up with a small engineering project to see if it would help, saying that it would be a culvert going across the street with a prefab metal catch basin to get the water out of the "pocket". Mr. Matherne then stated that he would be calling Mr. Arabie, but he would like some clarification as to how binding it was that they were not suppose to speak to the Engineers. President Randolph went back to the original question, saying that if Mr. Arabie was aware of this, that he was certainly working with the Engineers to address the problem, which is the proper process, that Administration will then bring it before the Council for a Change Order if everyone is in agreement, and the Council will then vote to approve or disapprove it. She then explained that when it comes to speaking with Engineers or any other professional services in the Parish, that the Charter clearly states that the Councilmen can not direct them. President Randolph then stated that it was something that was abused quite frequently in the past. She went into specific details explaining some of the situations which had occurred. A brief discussion and debate then ensued in regards to being able to contact certain people.

Mr. Fertitta questioned Mr. Picciola in regards to Lefort By-Pass, saying that he had seen all of the drawings, stating that he had a concern with it being a 25 foot street and a 19 foot bridge. Mr. Picciola explained that the final design had not been done, that he may have seen some old drawings, but what they have now was just a proposal so they can get the right-of-ways, saying that the Parish would then get it appraised so they can buy them. He further explained that they would then get into the design, doing what would be necessary. Mr. Fertitta then asked if it was normal procedure in engineering to have a road that was wider than the bridge; with Mr. Picciola replying as no. Mr. Picciola explained what would have to happen in this instance. A brief discussion continued in regards to the project.

Mr. Fertitta then mentioned some blacktop streets that were paved, but the cross streets were not; and then asked Mr. Picciola what was the procedure on that. Mr. Picciola explained that they had gotten with Administration and paved the ones that they thought were necessary, further saying that he understood that some were going to be aggregate surfaced from in-house.

Mr. Toups asked where they stand, how far down the road they were, in regards to Project 3I: Farm to Market, Mill Street, Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth. Mr. Picciola replied that they would have to talk to Administration to see where they were, look at the monies, and then bring those up, saying that they had not included those because they were not part of the original project, in that they had not authorized or given it to an Engineer yet. Mr. Toups stated that Mill Street was getting pretty bad, in that he was getting calls in regards to it. He then requested a report from Administration to see when it can possibly be done, asking President Randolph if they can supply him with a report in a week or so; with President Randolph saying sure.

Mr. Cullen Curole, Parish Administrator, explained that for Lefort By-Pass, that the bridge may have been improved within the last 10-20 years, in that it was not an old bridge, that he wished it would have been widen then. He said that they were going to customize the highway to fit the bridge, in that he thought that it was an obvious bridge that they should try to seek off system bridge funds from the State, but he was not sure if it would qualify, being that it may have been redone in the last decade or so.

## LEGAL ADVISOR REPORT

The next item on the agenda was to relinquish time to the Lafourche Parish Legal Advisor. *No one was present to speak.*

A **motion** was made by Mr. Lorraine, seconded by Mr. Doucet, to *deviate* to item number 48, and **carried** by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

The next item (48) on the agenda was a resolution to amend Resolution No. 05-174 as it pertains to having a rural route established with the United States Postal Service for the Larose area, 70373. Mr. Gouaux expressed that he would like to request that the Council consider deferring this item for a month, until they can meet with the parties associated, so they can try to come to a conclusion.

Mr. Lorraine stated that he had attended a meeting in Cut Off in regards to this proposal and that he also knew that the people of Larose have been working on this for a long time trying to get rural postal service. He explained that the previous Council had passed a resolution and the boundary was put at the McDonald Bridge on the south side and it was put with the Fire District up north across the Intercoastal. Mr. Lorraine said that he and Mr. Doucet were at the meeting and that there were about 125 people from the Cut Off area there and they were not too happy. He said that they had come to a conclusion after speaking to them, in that they would like to defer this item and get two people from Valentine, naming Jeffrey and Donna Theriot; two people from Cut Off, naming Roman Guidry and Lou Ann Guidry; two people from Larose, naming Henri Boulet and Kent Bouvier; and to also get the postal lady, Ms. Comeaux, if she would be willing to meet with the named six people; to try to let them iron out the boundaries and to then come back to the Council with their decision. Mr. Lorraine expressed that he would not like to see anyone fighting from the areas in question, saying that they felt the best way was to let these six people sit down, along with the postal lady, to see if they can come to an agreement.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Lorraine, seconded by Mr. Doucet, to *defer* this item *until March 25th*, and **carried** by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

**DEFERRED**

A **motion** was then made by Mr. Toups, seconded by Mr. Lorraine, to *return to the Regular Agenda*, and **carried** by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

Next, a **motion** was offered by Mr. Fertitta, seconded by Mr. Richard, to *open* the *Public Hearing & Ordinances for Ratification*, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

## **PUBLIC HEARING AND ORDINANCES FOR RATIFICATION**

The next item (6) on the agenda was an ordinance **reducing the speed limit to fifteen (15) miles per hour on Avenue C back of Delta Farms in Lockport, Louisiana Ward (9), District (7), Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana; providing for the placement of speed limit signs; and providing penalties for the violations thereof.** A **motion** was offered by Mr. Gouaux. Chairman Delatte asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Delatte moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Fertitta, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

**ORD. NO. 4226      15MPH SPEED LIMIT – AVENUE C**

The next item (7) on the agenda was an ordinance **establishing a “3-Way Stop” at the intersection of Gemini and Avenue D, Ward (9), District (7), Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana; installing the necessary “3-Way Stop” signs and providing for penalties for the violations thereof.** A **motion** was offered by Mr. Gouaux. Chairman Delatte asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Delatte moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Doucet, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

**ORD. NO. 4227      3-WAY STOP – GEMINI AND AVENUE D**

The next item (8) on the agenda was an ordinance **establishing “Watch For Children” signs be placed off of West 123rd Street and Avenue A in Galliano, Louisiana, Ward (10), District (9), Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana; providing for the placement of “Watch For Children” signs and providing penalties for the violations thereof.** A **motion** was offered by Mr. Lorraine. Chairman Delatte asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Delatte moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Doucet, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

**ORD. NO. 4228      WATCH FOR CHILDREN SIGNS – WEST 123RD STREET & AVENUE A**

The next item (9) on the agenda was an ordinance **establishing “Children At Play” signs be placed on Parkside Drive in Thibodaux, Louisiana, Ward (2), District (4), Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana; providing for the placement of “Children At Play” signs; and providing penalties for the violations thereof.** A **motion** was offered by Mr. Fertitta. Chairman Delatte asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Delatte moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Lorraine.

An *amendment* was made by Mr. Fertitta, seconded by Mr. Jones, to change “*Children at Play*” to “*Watch for Children*”, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

The *amended* ordinance then *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

**ORD. NO. 4229      WATCH FOR CHILDREN SIGNS – PARKSIDE DRIVE**

The next item (10) on the agenda was an ordinance **establishing a “3-Way Stop” at the intersection of Grand Lake Drive and Bayou Lafourche Drive in Highland Lakes Subdivision in Thibodaux, Louisiana, Ward (5), District (3), Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana; installing the necessary “3-Way Stop” signs; and providing for penalties for the violations thereof.** A **motion** was offered by Mr. Richard. Chairman Delatte asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Delatte moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Fertitta, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

**ORD. NO. 4230      3-WAY STOP – GRAND LAKE DRIVE & BAYOU LAFOURCHE DRIVE**

The next item (11) on the agenda was an ordinance establishing a “4-Way Stop” at the intersection of Park Drive and Michael Street in Thibodaux, Louisiana, Ward (1), District (3), Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana; installing the necessary “4-Way Stop” signs; and providing for penalties for the violations thereof. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Richard. Chairman Delatte asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Delatte moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Toups, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

**ORD. NO. 4231      4-WAY STOP – PARK DRIVE & MICHAEL STREET**

The next item (12) on the agenda was an ordinance requesting Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) to reduce the speed limit to forty (40) miles per hour on Highway 308 from Lewistown Subdivision to the south of Raceland Lower Elementary School; Ward (7), District (6), Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana; and providing for penalties for the violations thereof. *This item was pulled.*

The next item (13) on the agenda was an ordinance to accept the Subdivision known as the Mouledoux Subdivision into the Parish System. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Gouaux. Chairman Delatte asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Delatte moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Jones, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

**ORD. NO. 4232      ACCEPTING MOULEDOUX SUBDIVISION**

The next item (14) on the agenda was an ordinance to accept the Subdivision known as the LaBiche Subdivision into the Parish System. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Gouaux. Chairman Delatte asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Delatte moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Toups, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

**ORD. NO. 4233      ACCEPTING LABICHE SUBDIVISION**

The next item (15) on the agenda was an ordinance to accept the Subdivision known as the Redivision of Property belonging to Estates E and A, Richard, Inc. into the Parish System. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Richard. Chairman Delatte asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Delatte moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Fertitta, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

**ORD. NO. 4234      ACCEPTING REDIVISION – ESTATES E & A, RICHARD INC.**

The next item (16) on the agenda was an ordinance to accept the Subdivision known as the Division of 18.44 Acres for Mrs. Anna C. Oncale to be Divided into Tract A and Tract B into the Parish System. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Fertitta. Chairman Delatte asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Delatte moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Matherne, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

**ORD. NO. 4235      ACCEPTING DIVISION OF 18.44 ACRES – ANNA ONCALE**

The next item (17) on the agenda was an ordinance to accept the Subdivision known as the Tommy Moore Subdivision into the Parish System. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Fertitta. Chairman Delatte asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Delatte moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Richard, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

**ORD. NO. 4236      ACCEPTING TOMMY MOORE SUBDIVISION**

The next item (18) on the agenda was an ordinance to accept the Subdivision known as the Redivision of Property belonging to Andrew Clouatre into the Parish System. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Fertitta. Chairman Delatte asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Delatte moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Matherne, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

**ORD. NO. 4237      ACCEPTING REDIVISION – ANDREW CLOUATRE PROPERTY**

The next item (19) on the agenda was an ordinance to accept the Subdivision known as the Paradise Cove Subdivision, Addendum No. 1 into the Parish System. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Fertitta. Chairman Delatte asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Delatte moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Jones, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

**ORD. NO. 4238      ACCEPTING PARADISE COVE SUBDIVISION, ADDENDUM NO. 1**

The next item (20) on the agenda was an ordinance to accept the Subdivision known as the Division of Tract 2A on property belonging to Statewide Construction & Land Development, L.L.C., into the Parish System. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Richard. Chairman Delatte asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Delatte moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Fertitta, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

**ORD. NO. 4239      ACCEPTING DIVISION – TRACT 2A – STATEWIDE CONSTRUCTION**

The next item (21) on the agenda was an ordinance to accept the Subdivision known as the Abbey Glen Subdivision into the Parish System. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Richard. Chairman Delatte asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Delatte moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Jones, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

**ORD. NO. 4240      ACCEPTING ABBEY GLEN SUBDIVISION**

The next item (22) on the agenda was an ordinance to accept the Subdivision known as the Plantation Trace Subdivision, Addendum No. 4 - Phase "A" into the Parish System. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Richard. Chairman Delatte asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Delatte moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Toups, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

**ORD. NO. 4241      ACCEPTING PLANTATION TRACE SUBDIVISION, ADD#4 – PHASE A**

The next item (23) on the agenda was an ordinance to provide for a **2008 Supplemental Appropriation (08-006)** within the 2008 Operations and Maintenance Budget to **decrease** the amount budgeted for the **Head Start Grant** based on **Financial Assistance Award 1** received from the **Department of Health and Human Services** and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said transactions as provided for by Article VI of the Lafourche Parish Home Rule Charter. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Gouaux. Chairman Delatte asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Delatte moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Jones, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

**ORD. NO. 4242      SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION – HEAD START GRANT**

The next item (24) on the agenda was an ordinance to provide for a **2008 Supplemental Appropriation (08-008)** within the 2008 Operations and Maintenance Budget and the 2008 Capital Budget to **purchase an emergency generator** for the **Thibodaux Office** as provided for from the **FY 2007-2008 Louisiana Government Assistance Program** and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said transactions as provided for by Article VI of the Lafourche Parish Home Rule Charter. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Jones. Chairman Delatte asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Delatte moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Richard, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

**ORD. NO. 4243      SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION – EMERGENCY GENERATOR**

The next item (25) on the agenda was an ordinance to provide for a **2008 Supplemental Appropriation (08-010)** within the 2008 Operations and Maintenance Budget and the 2008 Capital Budget to **budget the additional \$860,900** in funding for the **Saltwater Control Structure** from the **Department of Natural Resources** and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said transactions as provided for by Article VI of the Lafourche Parish Home Rule Charter. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Gouaux. Chairman Delatte asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Delatte moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Toups, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

**ORD. NO. 4244      SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION – DEPT. NATURAL RESOURCES  
SALTWATER CONTROL STRUCTURE**

The next item (26) on the agenda was an ordinance **approving** the attached **Servitude Agreement between Chad and Amy Tabor** and the Lafourche Parish Council; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said agreement. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Fertitta. Chairman Delatte asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Delatte moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Jones, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

**ORD. NO. 4245      SERVITUDE AGREEMENT – CHAD & AMY TABOR**

The next item (27) on the agenda was an ordinance **approving** the assignment of a **mineral lease** from **Dominion Exploration & Production, Inc., Dominion Energy, Inc., Dominion Reserves, Inc., Ldng Texas Holdings, LLC and Depi Texas Holdings, LLC** (collectively “**Dominion**”) to **XTO Energy, Inc.**; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer any and all relevant documents. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Gouaux. Chairman Delatte asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Delatte moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Toups, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

**ORD. NO. 4246      MINERAL LEASE ASSIGNMENT – DOMINION – XTO ENERGY, INC.**

The next item (28) on the agenda was an ordinance amending Section 24:1403 (C) of the Code of Ordinances to comply with State Law, Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 33, Section 7574 (C) as it pertains to per diem of the Board of the South Lafourche Beachfront Development District; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute, and administer any and all relevant documents. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Lorraine. Chairman Delatte asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Delatte moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Doucet.

Mr. Matherne asked Mr. Lorraine if the Members on this Board were all from his District. Mr. Lorraine replied as no, in that it was scattered throughout the Parish. A brief discussion then ensued as to the way the District was formed and the procedures that were followed.

Mr. Lorraine clarified a statement that was made at a prior meeting, in that the beach was closed, by explaining that the beach was open to the public if you want to walk, and that it was closed to vehicle traffic. He said that hopefully they can have it open for this summer with the negotiations being made, saying that the Port Commission was able to get it done last year. A brief discussion ensued in regards to how far of a walk it was.

The ordinance then *carried* by a vote of (8) yeas and (1) nay, that being of Mr. Toups.

**ORD. NO. 4247 PER DIEM – BEACHFRONT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

The next item (29) on the agenda was an ordinance to provide for a 2008 Supplemental Appropriation (08-009) within the 2008 Operations and Maintenance Budget and the 2008 Capital Budget to establish the budget to begin Project 4D and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute, and administer said transactions as provided for by Article VI of the Lafourche Parish Home Rule Charter. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Lorraine. Chairman Delatte asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Delatte moved for a second, which was made by Mr. Doucet, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

**ORD. NO. 4248 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION – PROJECT 4D**

The next item (30) on the agenda was an ordinance to amend and re-enact Section 2:203 of Sub-Chapter “C” of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Lafourche as it pertains to Parish Executive Departments. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Gouaux. Chairman Delatte asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Delatte moved for a second, hearing none the ordinance *died*.

**DIED**

Next, a **motion** was offered by Mr. Doucet, seconded by Mr. Lorraine, to *close* the *Public Hearing and Ordinances for Ratification*, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

## **PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

The next item (31) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance establishing a twenty-five (25) miles per hour speed limit on Hidden Acres Street in Bayou Blue, Louisiana, Ward (11), District (4), Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana; providing for speed limit signs; and providing for penalties for the violations thereof. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Fertitta to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (32) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance approving the attached Servitude Agreement between Martin-Theriot Holdings, LLC, represented by Jeffery C. Theriot and the Lafourche Parish Council; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said agreement. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Lorraine to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (33) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance **providing a Variance from the Lafourche Parish Subdivision Regulations on Glenn and Elaine Leray Family Subdivision (Ward 1, District 2)** as recommended by the Lafourche Parish Planning Commission at their January 31, 2008 meeting. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Toups to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (34) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance to **provide for a 2008 Supplemental Appropriation (08-007)** within the 2008 Operations and Maintenance Budget to **carry forward** the amount budgeted for the **Board of Health** to complete the purchase of **items needed for its media room** and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said transactions as provided for by Article VI of the Lafourche Parish Home Rule Charter. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Fertitta to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (35) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance to **provide for a 2008 Supplemental Appropriation (08-011)** within the 2008 Operations and Maintenance Budget **funding \$35,500 for swimming pool repairs and ball park light repairs** needed in **Recreation District 1** and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer transactions as provided for by Article VI of the Lafourche Parish Home Rule Charter. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Gouaux to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (36) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance to **provide for a 2008 Supplemental Appropriation (08-012)** within the 2008 Operations and Maintenance Budget **recording the funding of the elevation of four (4) residential properties and the acquisition of seven (7) residential properties totaling \$1,490,065** and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said transactions as provided for by Article VI of the Lafourche Parish Home Rule Charter. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Matherne to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (37) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance to **provide for a 2008 Supplemental Appropriation (08-013)** within the 2008 Operations and Maintenance Budget **establishing the budget for trucking, gravel, asphalt, steel and culverts** as these items were amended out of the proposed 2008 Budget and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said transactions as provided for by Article VI of the Lafourche Parish Home Rule Charter. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Doucet to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (38) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance to **provide for a 2008 Supplemental Appropriation (08-014)** within the 2008 Operations and Maintenance Budget to **increase salaries and fringe associated with the creation of new Department Heads and the re-appointment of certain Department Heads** at figures other than that originally budgeted and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said transactions as provided for by Article VI of the Lafourche Parish Home Rule Charter. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Gouaux to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (39) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance **amended Ordinance #4 to amend Ordinance No. 4175 (2008 Budget Ordinance)** as it **pertains to fixing salaries of Unclassified Employees**. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Gouaux to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

## RESOLUTIONS

The next item (40) on the agenda was a resolution approving the Parish President's nomination for the position of Parish Administrator for the Lafourche Parish Government. A motion was offered by Mr. Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Doucet.

*Chairman Delatte relinquished the Chair to Vice Chair, Mr. Jones.*

Mr. Delatte voiced his opinions at length in regards to the Parish President's nominations, and then requested that the Councilmen really consider their votes.

*Vice-Chair Jones then relinquished the Chair back to Chairman Delatte.*

Mr. Curole expressed thanks to President Randolph for his re-nomination and considered it an honor, that he had been honored to serve the Parish for the last four years, saying that he would like to continue in that capacity. He then continued by voicing his feelings and his accomplishments as being the Parish Administrator, saying that he would appreciate the Councilmen's consideration, and that he was proud of the job that was done in the last four years.

The resolution then **failed** by a vote of (2) yeas, that being of Mr. Delatte and Mr. Gouaux; and (7) nays.

**FAILED**

The next item (41) on the agenda was a resolution approving the Parish President's nomination for the position of Public Works Director for the Lafourche Parish Government. A motion was offered by Mr. Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Lorraine.

Mr. Gouaux voiced his opinions at length in regards to President Randolph's nomination of Mr. Ray Cheramie, and then requested that the Council please ratify the nomination.

Mr. Ray Cheramie expressed his perspective as to what he had done for the Parish and then defended himself of the street talk and rumors of what was being said about him. He asked that the Council vote for him to give him a chance to continue with the progress that they had started.

Mr. Gouaux reiterated his request that the Council consider voting for Mr. Cheramie.

The resolution then **failed** by a vote of (2) yeas, Mr. Delatte and Mr. Gouaux; (6) nays; and (1) abstention, that being of Mr. Doucet.

**FAILED**

President Randolph thanked Mr. Curole and Mr. Cheramie, who have given of themselves for the last four years, which they have endured ridicule and such, to make the Parish better, in that they were two gentlemen, further saying that their work will remain with the Parish for many years to come. She then said that it will be appreciated by others once they discover that it is difficult to replace them.

The next item (42) on the agenda was a resolution approving the Parish President's nomination for the position of Grants and Development for the Lafourche Parish Government. A motion was offered by Mr. Fertitta, seconded by Mr. Richard, and **carried** by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

**RES. NO. 08-045 GRANTS AND DEVELOPMENT NOMINATION**

The next item (43) on the agenda was a resolution approving the Parish President's nomination for the position of Director of Community Service for the Lafourche Parish Government. A motion was offered by Mr. Doucet and seconded by Mr. Toups.

Mr. Jones asked President Randolph why this position was taken from a minority, when there were three more qualified ones to serve in this position. President Randolph replied that this position was not designated for any particular race, in that they serve people of all races in the Parish, particularly in this Department. She stated that Mr. Jones had not asked her the race of the Finance Director or the Recreation Director, further saying that his statement concerned her. President Randolph

said that the head of Head Start was a wonderful lady, as is the head of Community Action, one is white and one is not. She expressed that she thought that they were hiring qualified people in the Parish. An intense debate, comments, suggestions, and further discussions then ensued in regards to qualifications and of recommendations made by the Council.

Mr. Toups questioned Mr. Malcolm's position, asking if he retired or if he was not considered; saying that it was one department that he never had a problem with, in that he thought that they were running good, which he thought that Mr. Malcolm was doing a great job. He said that he had not received any complaints in the last four years. Mr. Malcolm then stated that the Parish President has his resignation, which he would not back out upon, in that he resigned.

Mr. Fertitta briefly expressed his opinions in regards to promoting from within.

The resolution to appoint Martha Hodnett as Director of Community Service then *failed* by a vote of (2) yeas, that being of Mr. Delatte and Mr. Gouaux; and (7) nays.

**FAILED**

The next item (44) on the agenda was a resolution approving the Parish President's appointment for the position of Director of Human Resources for the Lafourche Parish Government.

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Doucet and seconded by Mr. Gouaux.

Mr. Gouaux asked if he was correct in saying that this position was not funded for, so how could they hire and put someone into that position, unless it was funded. President Randolph explained that there was money in that particular line item, saying that there would have to be a Supplemental later on, in order to fund the remainder of it, but there was currently money in that fund.

Mr. Lorraine then asked if there was currently a young lady employed that was practically doing this job, in that it was not official, but she had been doing the job for the last six or seven years; with President Randolph replying that the answer was yes. Mr. Lorraine then asked President Randolph if she was considered; with a brief hesitation President Randolph replied, "No, she was not".

Discussions and a frenzied debate ensued in regards to the nominations and recommendations that were made.

The resolution then *failed* by a vote of (3) yeas, that being Mr. Jones, Mr. Richard and Mr. Delatte; and (6) nays.

**FAILED**

The next item (45) on the agenda was a resolution approving the Parish President's appointment for the position of Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities for the Lafourche Parish Government. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Toups.

Mr. Gouaux asked if it was going to be a full time position or if they were going to share it with the University or the radio; with President Randolph replying that it was a full time position.

Mr. Toups questioned the position because Mr. Matherne was being recommended for two positions. Chairman Delatte explained that the second one would be pulled because item #30 failed.

The resolution then *carried* by a vote of (5) yeas; and (4) nays, that being of Mr. Jones, Mr. Fertitta, Mr. Doucet, and Mr. Lorraine.

**RES. NO. 08-046      PARKS, RECREATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES APPOINTMENTS**

The next item (46) on the agenda was a resolution approving the Parish President's appointment for the position of Director of Communications and Information Technology for the Lafourche Parish Government. *This item was pulled.*

The next item (47) on the agenda was a resolution **requesting an Opinion** from the Lafourche Parish **District Attorney** to review the Ordinances on **Parish Boards** to see if we have to ratify all board members every time a new Council is placed. The Ordinance that places most boards states that they serve at the Pleasure of the Council and can be removed only by just cause. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Fertitta.

Mr. Lorraine commented that he believed that this was a waste of time sending this to the District Attorney's Office because they serve at the pleasure of the Council, if the Council wanted to remove somebody that they bring it up and try to remove them. He said that he had been on the Council 25 years and they have never had a problem.

Mr. Gouaux stated that he was basically looking to see if the District Attorney can give them some verbiage to put in, so they do not have to re-ratify every four years, explaining same. Mr. Fertitta then said that all of the situations were in the State Law, in which states that a board member is a board member until he is being replaced, he serves until he is replaced even when his term expires. He then said that board members do not have to be replaced every Administration, in that the State Law requires you to stay on the Board until you are replaced or removed by just cause. Mr. Fertitta then gave a prior example. Mr. Gouaux then asked if that was the case, why memos were sent out to all of the board members that serve at the pleasure of the Council, saying that they were going to be re-ratified. A brief discussion and explanation ensued in regards to updating the information on the Boards.

An **amendment** was made by Mr. Gouaux, to add "*to see what verbiage could be added so they would not have to ratify every four years*", seconded by Mr. Matherne, and **carried** by a vote of (6) yeas and (3) nays, that being of Mr. Jones, Mr. Fertitta, and Mr. Lorraine.

The **amended** resolution then **carried** by a vote of (6) yeas and (3) nays, that being of Mr. Jones, Mr. Fertitta, and Mr. Lorraine.

**RES. NO. 08-047     DA OPINION – PARISH BOARD RATIFICATIONS**

The next item (48) on the agenda was a resolution to **amend Resolution No. 05-174** as it pertains to having a **rural route established** with the United States Postal Service for the **Larose area, 70373.** This item was discussed by previous deviation.

The next item (49) on the agenda was a resolution **requesting and supporting the proposed State Legislation** to be introduced in the upcoming Louisiana Legislative Session to **amend the existing statutes to allow that tax dollars derived from sales taxes and licensing of vehicles would form the Parish Transportation Fund No. 2.** A **motion** was offered by Mr. Fertitta, seconded by Mr. Gouaux, and **carried** by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

**RES. NO. 08-048     STATE LEGISLATION - PARISH TRANSPORTATION FUND NO. 2**

The next item (50) on the agenda was a resolution **appointing one (1) Commissioner** to the **Fire Protection District No. 9 Board.** A **motion** was offered by Mr. Toups, seconded by Mr. Doucet, to appoint Troy Dufrene, and **carried** by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

**RES. NO. 08-049     APPOINTMENT – FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 9**

The next item (51) on the agenda was a resolution **appointing one (1) Commissioner** to represent the **Town of Lockport on the Lafourche Parish Game and Fish Commission.** A **motion** was offered by Mr. Gouaux, seconded by Mr. Toups, to appoint George Broussard, Sr., and **carried** by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

**RES. NO. 08-050     APPOINTMENT – GAME AND FISH COMMISSION**

The next item (52) on the agenda was a resolution appointing one (1) Commissioner to represent the Town of Lockport on the Home Mortgage Authority Board. A motion was offered by Mr. Toups, seconded by Mr. Gouaux, to appoint Judy Richardel, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

**RES. NO. 08-051 APPOINTMENT – HOME MORTGAGE AUTHORITY**

The next item (53) on the agenda was a resolution appointing one (1) Commissioner to the Fire Protection District No. 1 Board. A motion was offered by Mr. Toups, seconded by Mr. Gouaux, to appoint Lester Griffin, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

**RES. NO. 08-052 APPOINTMENT – FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1**

The next item (54) on the agenda was a resolution appointing one (1) Commissioner to the Fire Protection District No. 8-C Board. A motion was offered by Mr. Doucet, seconded by Mr. Toups, to appoint Phyllis Plaisance, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

**RES. NO. 08-053 APPOINTMENT – FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 8-C**

The next item (55) on the agenda was a resolution appointing one (1) Commissioner to the Fire Protection District No. 8-A Board. A motion was offered by Mr. Fertitta, seconded by Mr. Doucet, to appoint Chris Cortez, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

**RES. NO. 08-054 APPOINTMENT – FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 8-A**

The next item (56) on the agenda was a resolution appointing two (2) Commissioners to the Fire Protection District No. 8-B Board. A motion was offered by Mr. Gouaux, seconded by Mr. Richard, to appoint Toby Hebert and Karen Ordoyne, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

**RES. NO. 08-055 APPOINTMENTS – FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 8-B**

The next item (57) on the agenda was a resolution appointing one (1) Commissioner to the Recreation District No. 1 Board. A motion was offered by Mr. Toups, seconded by Mr. Gouaux, nominating David Hodson, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

**RES. NO. 08-056 APPOINTMENT – RECREATION DISTRICT NO. 1**

The next item (58) on the agenda was a resolution appointing one (1) Commissioner to represent Special Education District No. 1 Board. A motion was offered by Mr. Doucet, seconded by Mr. Lorraine, to appoint Monty Vegas, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

**RES. NO. 08-057 APPOINTMENT – SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT NO. 1**

The next item (59) on the agenda was a resolution appointing one (1) Commissioner to the Coastal Zone Management Advisory Committee. A motion was offered by Mr. Lorraine, seconded by Mr. Doucet, to appoint Nicholas Cheramie, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

**RES. NO. 08-058 APPOINTMENT – COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY**

The next item (60) on the agenda was a resolution in support of a Grant Application by Lafourche Parish Government with the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development, Safe Routes to School Program and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer any and all relevant documents and amendments. A motion was offered by Mr. Toups, seconded by Mr. Gouaux, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

**RES. NO. 08-059 GRANT APPLICATION – SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM**

The next item (61) on the agenda was a resolution authorizing the Addendum/Amendment of a contract between Lafourche Parish Government and Picciola and Associates, Inc. for road work on Road Sales Tax District No. 2 to include various streets throughout the Parish and authorizing the Parish President to sign said Addendum/Amendment to contract. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Lorraine, seconded by Mr. Doucet, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

**RES. NO. 08-060 CONTRACT AMENDMENT – PICCIOLA & ASSOCIATES – RSTD#2**

## DISCUSSION

The next item (62) on the agenda was a discussion regarding the Saving Plan for the Parish employees. Mr. Toups expressed that the saving plan for the Parish was not much, saying that he was wondering if they could go ahead and look at it to come up with a different plan or to look into retirement. He said that he has now been in the plan for 12 years, which he puts in 25% of his pay into it, but the Parish employee that puts 2% and 3% into it that can afford it, will maybe have \$25,000 after 40 years with the Parish. Mr. Toups suggested going with another company and/or study to see what other plans are doing, further expressing his concern.

A **motion** was then offered by Mr. Toups, seconded by Mr. Doucet, requesting that Administration look into the employee saving plan, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

The next item (63) on the agenda was a discussion regarding the Lockport Library. Mr. Toups mentioned that the Council had forwarded this three or four months ago, giving Mr. Caillouet the plan to go ahead and do it, in that they have 1,000 yards of dirt waiting on it. He then asked if the Parish can start moving the dirt onto the location in Lockport, having the Parish trucks do it, even if they would have to work on a Friday would save them a whole bunch of money. Mr. Toups then requested an update of where they stood in regards to the Lockport Library. President Randolph stated that they had met with Mr. Caillouet the other day, in that there was some discussion as to what kind of roof there was suppose to be on the building, which they verified that in a resolution. She said that she did not know when they could move the dirt, if it was part of the engineering plan or the architectural plan, which she was not that familiar with Public Works. President Randolph said that she was in touch with the Architect and that she knew it was moving forward, but she just did not know about the dirt, saying that she thought that it all has to be pre-measured and pre-engineered before they can actually bring it there.

Mr. Toups expressed that if they keep waiting that the cost will continue to rise and that they will run out of money for a library, in that they will not have enough money.

Mr. Richard asked how much trouble it would be for the Council to send a copy of the meeting regulations for every Board in the Parish, asking if the Secretary and her staff handle doing so. Chairman Delatte replied that he believed that it could be done. Mr. Richard expressed that there was some confusion and that people were actually attending some illegal meetings. Ms. Carleen Babin, Council Clerk, asked if Mr. Richard was speaking about the Open Meetings Laws; with Mr. Richard replying as to “Right, exactly”. Mr. Richard said that it would be to let people know about the posting of their meetings, just as a reminder. He recommended that every Board in the Parish be sent information in regards to the Open Meetings Laws. Chairman Delatte stated that he and President Randolph had spoken about this issue a couple of weeks ago, in that they were going to try to fix something together to remind them about posting their meetings and that they have to have a majority of the members there, not to hold meetings at private houses, not to call selected members on the phone to poll them and accept their votes over the phone, and to change things that need to be corrected. He continued by saying that all the meetings have to have minutes, showing the motions, votes, and all the information required.

Mr. Doucet added that some Boards were also holding meetings on the same night and time as the Parish Council meetings, which was not suppose to be happening.

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Matherne, seconded by Mr. Fertitta, to *open* a *Two-Thirds Agenda*, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

## **TWO-THIRDS AGENDA**

The first item (1) on the Two-Thirds agenda was a resolution **engaging the firm of Stagni and Company, LLC to perform the Lafourche Parish Council statutorily required audit as of and for the year ended December 31, 2007; and authorizing the Parish President to sign any and all necessary documents.** A **motion** was offered by Mr. Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Fertitta.

Mr. Lorraine asked if he was correct in saying that there were only two people that had applied; with Chairman Delatte replying as to “Yes Sir”. Mr. Lorraine then commented that one of them was the previous one, prior to this one; with Chairman Delatte saying that he was correct, but this one was the lowest bidder. A brief discussion ensued in regards to the bids received and of the location of the companies that submitted them.

The resolution then *carried* by a vote of (8) yeas and (1) nay, that being of Mr. Lorraine.

### **RES. NO. 08-061 STAGNI AND COMPANY, LLC – PERFORM 2007 AUDIT**

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Toups, seconded by Mr. Lorraine, to *close the Two-Thirds Agenda and return to the regular agenda*, and *carried* by a vote of (9) yeas and (0) nays.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On **motion** by Mr. Lorraine, seconded by Mr. Doucet, and with no further business, the Lafourche Parish Council meeting of **February 26, 2008 adjourned at 8:27 p.m.**

MICHAEL F. DELATTE, CHAIRMAN  
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL

CARLEEN B. BABIN, COUNCIL CLERK  
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL

## QUARTERLY REPORT TO LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL

HEAD START, Martha Babin, Director

February 26, 2008

1. The 2008 Head Start Continuation Refunding Application was submitted to Dallas on September 21, 2007. The FAA for the amount of \$2,460,140 was received in January . Our non-Federal shares amount to \$615,035.
2. We have received two FAAs concerning the 2008 grant. One was received in December of 2007, which officially approved a reduction in enrollment from 347 to 292. You also received a copy of the other FAA in January of 2008 for your files.
3. The second part of the Annual Governing Board/Policy Council training was scheduled for January 28,2008. All of you were invited to attend and I want to thank all of you that were able to attend. The training was in partial fulfillment of ***Performance Standard 1304.52 (k) (4): Grantee agencies must provide training or orientation to Head Start governing body members to enable them to carry out their program governance responsibilities effectively.***
4. We now have internet access at our Bayou Blue site as well as all the others. Thanks to all that worked so hard to get us set up, especially Jerome Danos.
5. You were all invited to attend our December faculty meeting at St. Hilary's multipurpose complex for the "kick off" of our ***I Am Moving, I Am Learning*** program (grant). Mrs. Randolph attended, along with Father Dean Danos, to show support for our Head Start staff. If you want to find out more about the program, go to [www.choosykids.com](http://www.choosykids.com) .
6. We just completed a week of "Round-Up" with Lafourche Parish Schools. Round-Up is that period during the year that is set aside for parents to enroll their three, four, and five year old children for school next fall.
7. I received notification that the First National Bank in Luling is listing the building that we lease for our South Lafourche Head Start site with Century 21 Real Estate.
8. Status report : see attachment

Thank you for your continued support of this program that enriches the lives of 292 families in this parish. Remember.....all of you are welcome to visit any of our 7 Head Start sites at any time. If you would like a tour of the sites, that also can be arranged.

**We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.**  
Franklin D. Roosevelt

Exhibit "A"

**Lafourche Parish Head Start Quarterly Report  
As of February 26, 2008**

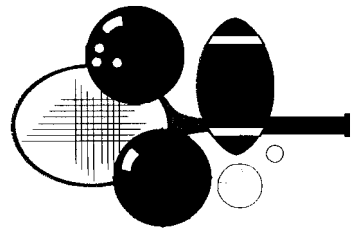
	<b>Bayou Blue</b>	<b>Central Lafourche</b>	<b>South Lafourche</b>	<b>Thibodaux</b>	<b>Total</b>	
<b># Enrolled</b>	17	77	51	147	<b>292</b>	
<b>Children w/ Disabilities</b>	5	22	15	13	<b>55</b>	<b>Meets the 10% required</b>
<b>Above Income</b>	3	7	6	18	<b>34</b>	<b>does not exceed the 35% maximum</b>
<b>Below Income</b>	14	70	45	129	<b>258</b>	
<b>Family Type</b>						
Single	7	56	33	121	<b>217</b>	
2 parents	8	19	16	23	<b>66</b>	
Grandparent	1	1	0	2	<b>4</b>	
Foster	1	1	2	1	<b>5</b>	
<b>Ethnic Group</b>						
White	9	37	36	12	<b>94</b>	
Black	3	32	3	119	<b>157</b>	
Bi-Racial	2	7	5	11	<b>25</b>	
Asian	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	
Indian	3	1	6	2	<b>12</b>	
Hispanic	0	0	1	3	<b>2</b>	
<b>Gender</b>						
Males	8	36	24	62	<b>130</b>	
Females	9	41	27	85	<b>162</b>	
<b>Waiting List</b>	33	29	28	36	<b>126</b>	
<b># of Transported Children</b>	0	55	35	93	<b>183</b>	
<b>Number of applications taken at Round Up</b>	16	23	24	35	<b>98</b>	

Compiled by Suzette Bartnesky *SB*  
ERSEA / Transportation Manager

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# LAFOURCHE PARISH RECREATION DISTRICT NO. 2



# ANNUAL REPORT



**2007**



Exhibit "B"

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### INTRODUCTION

**The District's mission statement is stated and depicted by its' "Logo"**

***"RECREATION FOR ALL SEASONS  
AND ALL AGES"***

That is the ultimate goal that the District strives to reach each year.

## **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Daniel Mayet, Chairman  
Leo White, Vice Chairman  
Rev. Nolan Smith  
Randy Landry  
Terry Arabie

Meetings: Monthly  
Date: Second Monday  
Time: 6:00 P.M.  
Place: Emergency, Recreation, & Community  
Center  
241 Recreation Drive

### **Geographical areas of the District:**

Ward 3 and the majority of Ward 7

### **Communities included:**

St. Charles, Raceland, and Des Allemands



## PART TIME EMPLOYEES

MILTON ARABIE - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
Secretary-Treasurer

LORRAINE GAUDET - OFFICE SECRETARY



CALVIN FALGOUT - MAINTENANCE/CUSTODIAN

RAYMOND MATHERNE - MAINTENANCE/CUSTODIAN

WILLIAM FITZGERALD - MAINTENANCE/CUSTODIAN





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## **BUDGETS**

### **MAINTENANCE and OPERATION 2007 BUDGET**

**BEGINNING FUND BALANCE** AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2006 **\$ 7,726.**

**REVENUE:**

Ad Valorem Taxes	89,780.
Interest Earned	300.
Lafourche Parish Government	23,000.
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	<u>200.</u>
<i>TOTAL REVENUE:</i>	<i>\$ 113,280.</i>

**TOTAL AVAILABLE BALANCE:** **\$ 121,006.**

**EXPENSES:**

**MAINTENANCE OF PROPERTY:**

**TOTAL MAINTENANCE:** **\$ 73,373.**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

**TOTAL ADMINISTRATION:** **\$ 47,633.**

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES:** **\$ 121,006.**

**EXCESS REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES** **\$ 00.**

**ENDING FUND BALANCE** **\$ 00.**

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## REVENUE SHARING 2007 Budget

**BEGINNING FUND BALANCE** AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2006 **\$ 8,202.**

**REVENUE:**

<b>AD VALOREM TAXES</b>	<b>46,900.</b>
<b>INTEREST EARNED</b>	<b>125.</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE</b>	<b><u>500.</u></b>

**TOTAL REVENUE** \$ 47,525.

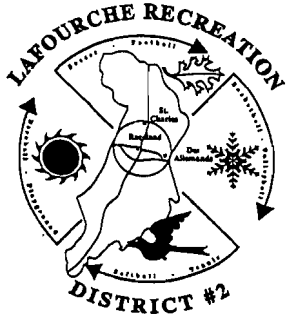
**TOTAL AVAILABLE BALANCE:** **\$ 55,727.**

**EXPENSES:**

<b>MAINTENANCE:</b>	<b>49,000.</b>
<b>Construction/Repairs/Equipment</b>	<b><u>6,727.</u></b>

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES:** **\$ 55,727.**

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## DEBT SERVICE BUDGET 2007

**BEGINNING FUND BALANCE AS OF 10-31-06 \$117,973.**

**REVENUE:**

<b>AD VALOREM TAXES</b>	<b>119,707.</b>
<b>INTEREST EARNED</b>	<b><u>1,000.</u></b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 120,707.</b>

**TOTAL AVAILABLE BALANCE: \$ 238,680.**

**DEBT SERVICE:**

Payment date	Principal	Interest	Payment
<b>April 1, 2007</b>	<b>54,000.</b>	<b>8,500.25</b>	<b>\$ 62,500.25</b>
<b>October 1, 2007</b>		<b>8,473.25</b>	<b>\$ 8,473.25</b>
<b>Total Payment</b>			<b>\$ 70,973.50</b>

**TOTAL EXPENSE: \$ 70,973.50**

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**LAFOURCHE PARISH RECREATION DISTRICT NO.2**  
**Financial Statement**  
**January 31, 2007**

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LAFOURCHE PARISH GOVERNMENT  
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES  
 PERIOD ENDING 01/31/07

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ACCOUNTS FOR: 110 RECREATION	ORIGINAL APPROP	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	MTD EXPENDED	ENC/REQ	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
<b>11045102 RECREATION-DISTRICT 2</b>							
11045102 411000 SALARIES	0	.00	1,090.75	1,090.75	.00	-1,090.75	100.0%
11045102 422000 FICA/MEDICARE	0	.00	83.45	83.45	.00	-83.45	100.0%
11045102 426000 WORKMEN'S COMPENSATI	0	.00	143.96	143.96	.00	-143.96	100.0%
11045102 441000 UTILITIES	0	.00	318.01	318.01	.00	-318.01	100.0%
11045102 444200 RENTAL-EQUIPMENT & V	0	.00	81.00	81.00	.00	-81.00	100.0%
11045102 453000 COMMUNICATIONS	0	.00	49.21	49.21	.00	-49.21	100.0%
11045102 486004 RECO2 RECREATION GRA	62,641	62,641.00	.00	.00	.00	62,641.00	.0%
<b>TOTAL RECREATION-DISTRICT 2</b>	<b>62,641</b>	<b>62,641.00</b>	<b>1,766.38</b>	<b>1,766.38</b>	<b>.00</b>	<b>60,874.62</b>	<b>2.8%</b>
<b>TOTAL RECREATION</b>	<b>62,641</b>	<b>62,641.00</b>	<b>1,766.38</b>	<b>1,766.38</b>	<b>.00</b>	<b>60,874.62</b>	<b>2.8%</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>62,641</b>	<b>62,641.00</b>	<b>1,766.38</b>	<b>1,766.38</b>	<b>.00</b>	<b>60,874.62</b>	

**NOTE:**

The Lafourche Parish Recreation funds are controlled by the Parish Recreation Office.

They prepare the annual budget and regulate the expenditures as authorized by the Parish Policy. This District is not consulted in the preparation of this budget or advised of line item changes from year to year.

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# AD VALOREM TAX

## RENEWAL

The 1995 Maintenance and Operation Ad Valorem taxes were renewed in November, 2004 by the voters at a reduced millage.

<i>Original millage</i>	<i>3.08 mills</i>
<i>Renewed millage</i>	<i>3.00 mills</i>
Debt Service Original Millage	6.25 mills
Renewed millage	4.00 mills
Total millage reduction -	2.33 mills

2004 - The process was started to pay more of the Debt Service and resell the remaining Bonds at a lower interest rate. This has saved our tax payers approximately \$130,000 and allowing a lower millage with the anticipation of lowering the millage again in the future.

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PRESENT AD VALOREM TAXES

MILLAGE

RENEWED IN 2005

*MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION - 3.00 mills*

*BONDS 4.00 mills*

## RECREATIONAL OR LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES

Recreational activities are provided throughout the year, both outdoors and indoors for all age groups as follows:

- a. Basketball
- b. Baseball
- c. Soccer
- d. Tennis
- e. Picnic area
- f. Outdoor Pavilion
- g. Senior Citizen Center activities
  1. Wellness lectures
  2. Health screening
  3. Physical Exercise
- h. Recreation Center is used for state, parish, and local meetings and activities
- i. Equipment monetary allotment to recreation leagues
- j. Summer indoor Recreation
- k. Unsupervised activities
  - l. Provide playing fields, courts, restrooms, and concession stands
- m. Football
- n. Volleyball
- o. Walking trails
- p. Exercise classes
- q. Cheerleading
- r. Hosted the Lafourche Parish Bicentennial Celebration and activities -  
March 31, 2007

***The participation in all of these activities are excellent, sometimes beyond our expectations. All Sports leagues are under the control of the District Board and delegated permission to parent organizations to supervise.***

## Summary of Recreational Activities

### Schedule of Activities, Dates, Types, Number of participants and ages of participants:

- I. Activity: FOOTBALL  
Number Registered: 170  
Dates: August 1 thru November 18, 2007  
Days per week: 2 To 3 days per week - Practice;  
Games played on Saturdays only  
Ages of Participants: 6-12 years of age
- II. Activity: Cheerleading  
Number Registered: 48  
Ages of Participants: 4-12 years of age
- III. Activity: TENNIS  
Number of Participants per day: 15  
Dates: Year round - 7 days per week  
Ages: All Ages
- IV. Activity: VOLLEYBALL  
Number Registered: 50  
Dates: All year  
Days per week: 1  
Ages of Participants: 16 & up
- V. Activity: SOCCER  
Number Registered: 423  
Dates: February 9 thru March 15; September 8 thru October 13, 2007  
Days per week: Monday thru Thursday - Practice; Saturday & Sunday - games  
Ages of Participants: 4 - 18
- VI. Activity: WALKERS  
Number of Participants: 200 per day  
Dates: All year  
Days per week: 7  
Ages of Participants: All ages

**VII. Activity: BASKETBALL**

Number registered: 82 All Stars: 36

Dates: November thru March 31

Days per week: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Practice; Thursday & Friday, Games

Ages of Participants: 6 - 12

3 All star Tournaments - January 8 year olds, February 10 year olds, March 12 year olds

**VIII. Activity: BASEBALL**

Number Registered: 342 All Stars: 94

Dates: April 9 thru May 12, 2007 May 28, 2007 thru July 25, 2007

Days per week: 7

Ages of Participants: 4- 15

**IX. Activity: EXERCISE CLASSES**

Number Registered: 125

Dates: all year

Days per week: 3 Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Ages of Participants: Adults - (children with adults grandparents in summer)

**X. Activity: SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER - RACELAND**

Number of Participants: 30 Per day

Dates: 5 days of week Yearly

Ages of Participants: 40 and over

Varied activities

**XI. Activity: SUMMER RECREATION CENTER PROGRAM**

Number of Participants: 40 per day

Dates: June 3 days per week

Ages: 6 - 16

**XII. Activity: FOOD FOR FAMILIES**

Number Registered: 350 - 400

Dates: 4<sup>TH</sup> Thursday of each Month

Days per week: Once per month

Ages of Participants: All ages

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## FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

Property Size: Community Park	10 acres
Raceland Recreation Park	40 acres

### Facilities: Recreation Facilities

#### A. Building

1. Emergency, Recreation & Community Center
2. Three (3) Restroom/Concession Stands
3. One (1) Metal Storage Building
4. Pavilion - Outdoor

#### B. Baseball Fields

1. St. Charles Elementary School - Lighting  
Baseball field and 1 large bleacher
2. Raceland Middle School - Baseball field  
and 1 large section of bleacher
3. Raceland Upper Elementary School -  
Baseball field
4. Raceland Recreation Park - four (4) Baseball  
fields - 1 Lighted  
Field # 1 - 3 bleachers  
Field # 2 - 2 bleachers  
Field # 3 - 2 bleachers  
Field # 4 - 2 bleachers

#### C. Raceland Recreation Park

1. One (1) Walking trail
2. Two (2) tennis courts - lighted
3. Twelve (12) soccer fields
4. One (1) football field - 6 bleachers

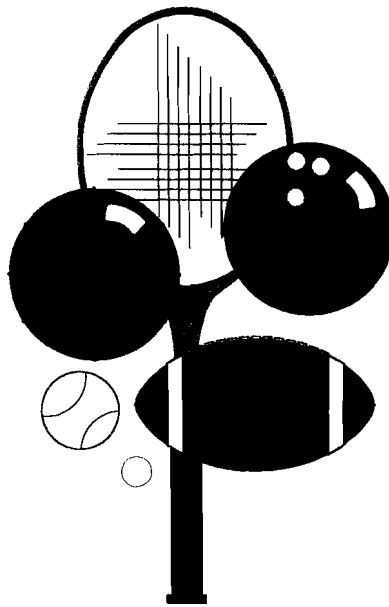
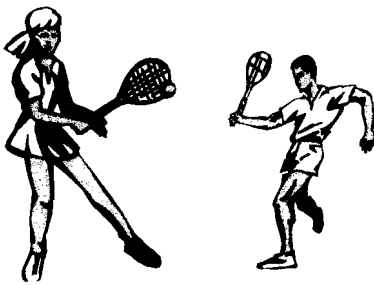
- D. Community Park
  - 1. Multi-purpose playing field
  - 2. Walking trail
  - 3. Two (2) outdoor shelters, tables, benches
  - 4. Outdoor sand volleyball court
  
- E. Storage area, and restrooms at the  
Raceland Senior Citizens Center  
206 Senior Citizen Drive.
  
- F. Equipment:
  - 1. Tractor
  - 2. Trailer
  - 3. General office equipment

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## ***CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS***

### **Construction projects ongoing or completed**

- a. Annual maintenance or repairs for the baseball fields.
- b. Provide the necessary dirt for all fields to bring fields to grade
- c. Maintenance of streets and parking lots in Raceland Recreation Park
- d. Provided land for the construction of a library branch through a lease agreement
- e. Continually provide seeds, fertilizer and materials necessary to maintain playing fields
- f. Constructed an additional parking lot
- g. Purchased 4.01 acres of property adjacent to the recreation current complex.



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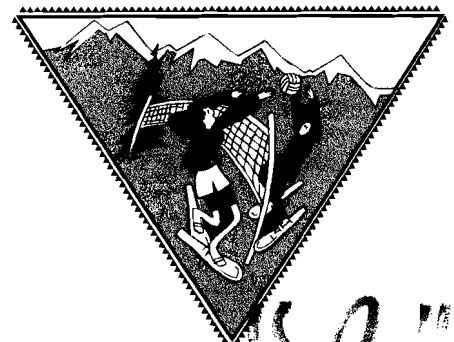
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**OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY  
9:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.**



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## 2007 RECAP OF ACCOUNTS

### BEGINNING BALANCE AS OF 12-31-06

<b>Maintenance &amp; Operation</b>	<b>33,456.11</b>	
<b>Revenue Sharing Account</b>	<b>8,227.12</b>	
<b>Sinking Account # 9130004013</b>	<b>122,210.03</b>	
<b>Beginning balance as of 12-31-06</b>		<b>163,893.26</b>

### Deposits:

<b>Maintenance &amp; Operation-Ad Valorem Tax</b>	<b>91,861.31</b>	
<b>Revenue Sharing- Ad Valorem Tax</b>	<b>46,958.94</b>	
<b>Sinking Account #9130004013</b>	<b>122,481.74</b>	
<b>Total Ad Valorem Tax</b>		<b>261,301.99</b>

<b>Maintenance &amp; Operation - Interest</b>	<b>371.12</b>	
<b>Revenue Sharing - Interest</b>	<b>181.14</b>	
<b>Sinking Account # 9130004013</b>	<b>1,459.55</b>	
<b>Total Interest</b>		<b>2,011.81</b>

### Miscellaneous Income:

<b>Maintenance &amp; Operation- Coca Cola</b>	<b>.00</b>	
<b>Maintenance &amp; Operation- Worker Comp.</b>	<b>198.00</b>	
<b>Revenue Sharing- Use of building</b>	<b>350.00</b>	
<b>Library Lease</b>	<b>100.00</b>	
<b>Weights for exercise</b>	<b>830.00</b>	
<b>Bicentennial start up money</b>	<b>400.00</b>	
<b>Sale of Drinks for Bicentennial</b>	<b>3,142.75</b>	
<b>Total Miscellaneous</b>		<b>5,020.75</b>

**TOTAL DEPOSITS: \$ 268,334.55**

<b>DEBITS: Maintenance &amp; Operation</b>	<b>120,305.31</b>
<b>Revenue Sharing</b>	<b>50,468.73</b>
<b>Sinking Fund- New York Bank</b>	<b>70,973.50</b>
<b>TOTAL DEBITS:</b>	<b>\$ 241,747.54</b>

**BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2007 \$ 190,480.27**

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## 2007 Maintenance & Operations Fund

**BANK ACCOUNT # 10090347**  
**BALANCE AS OF 12-31-06**

**\$ 33,456.11**

**DEPOSIT: AD VALOREM 91,861.31**  
**INTEREST 371.12**  
**COCA COLA .00**  
**Worker Comp. 198.00**  
**Bicentennial 400.00**  
**Sale of Drinks 3,142.75**

**TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$ 95,973.18**

**DEBITS:**

Aqua Safety	189.18
Arabic Salary	16,137.26
Arabic Reimbursement	429.60
Bell South - A.T.T.	1,975.79
Blanchard Refrigeration	224.70
Capitol One - taxes	8,566.32
Capitol One - Sale of Property	21,000.00
Central Lafourche Bantam Football	
Sale of Drinks	752.25
Central Lafourche Baseball	2,352.25
Central Lafourche Septic Tank	210.00
Chauvin Lawn Service	35,241.96
Circuit City - computer	1,780.91
Mark Eschette - Pavillion	1,600.00
Gaudet Salary	7,198.28
Eugene Gouaux, Attorney	4,062.50
Lafourche Parish Gov't. - Drinks	686.00
LA Dept. of Revenue	651.00
Lanau & Felger, CPA- 2006	1,600.00
Laris Insurance - bond Ins.	257.00
LA Workers Comp.	1,236.00
National American Sales	89.00
Larry J. Picciola , Inc. -new property	315.00
Post Printing - letterhead	109.90
Postage	125.80
Postage - Safe Deposit Box	96.00
Raceland Ag Service	159.20
Raceland Bidy Basketball	2,217.25
Raceland Hardware	199.62
Southern Office Supply	1,485.77
Stagni & Company	3,650.00
Upper Ten - Property	650.00
Valure Electrical - contract	4,656.00
Wal-Mart	400.77

**TOTAL DEBITS: \$ 120,305.31**

**BALANCE AS OF December 31, 2007**

**\$ 9,123.98**

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## 2007 REVENUE SHARING ACCOUNT

**BANK ACCOUNT # 10101594**  
**BALANCE AS OF 12-31-06**

**\$ 8,227.12**

<b>DEPOSIT: AD VALOREM</b>	<b>46,958.94</b>
<b>INTEREST</b>	<b>181.14</b>
<b>USE OF BUILD</b>	<b>350.00</b>
<b>Library Lease</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Weights for Exercise</b>	<b>830.00</b>

**TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$ 48,420.08**

**DEBITS:**

Cintas	781.92
Breaux's Iron Works	295.00
Dept. of Environ. Quality	316.80
Educational Electronics	384.00
Entergy	13,983.28
Laris Insurance Agency - Property	23,427.60
Laris Insurance Agency - Added Property	13.65
Nat'l American Sales	147.58
Pope's - Batteries - Scrubber	561.38
Raceland Ag	8.95
Raceland Hardware	41.95
S.T.A.T.- maintenance	3,296.56
S.T.A.T.-Senior Citizens	480.00
S.T.A.T. repairs	1,186.71
Terminix- Center	145.00
Terminix- Concession	177.00
Terminix- Senior Citizens	145.00
Terminix- Storage Building	40.00
Valure Electrical - maintenance	3,878.00
Wal Mart - Weights	1,153.61
Wal Mart - Other	2.74

**Total Debits: \$ 50,468.73**

**BALANCE AS OF 12-31-07**

**\$ 6,178.47**

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## 1995 SINKING FUND ACCOUNT RECAP

**BANK ACCOUNT # 9130004013**

**BALANCE AS OF 12/2006** **\$ 122,210.03**

**DEPOSIT:**

**AD VALOREM** **115,952.08**

**INTEREST** **1,459.55**

**TOTAL DEPOSIT:** **123,941.29**

**DEBITS:**

**SABINE STATE BANK** **62,500.25**

**SABINE STATE BANK -INTER.** **8,473.25**

**TOTAL DEBITS:** **70,973.50**

**BALANCE AS OF 12-31-2007** **\$ 175,177.82**

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**GOVERNMENT**

**DEPARTMENT OF  
PARKS, RECREATION &  
PUBLIC FACILITIES**

***February 26, 2008***  
***Department Brief***

***Prepared by:***  
**Brennan Matherne, Department Head**

***Exhibit "C"***

## **I. Parks and Recreation**

### ***a. Sanchez Boat Launch Ramps***

- i. I just wanted to report a close out on this project. The purpose of this project was to install 3 concrete ramps at the boat launch. All the work was completed in early January, and the project does indeed look great. We have received compliments from the residents about the work that has been done at this site.

### ***b. LRD #5 Improvements / Tennis Courts***

- i. LRD #5 met recently and decided to make some minor improvements to the walking trail in the Kramer area. The board agreed to help fund improvements to some of the boat launches in the area.
- ii. They also discussed the Tennis Court improvements that are budgeted. We have done some research on this project in the past and have hit some snags due to contractors not wanting to take the job. We now have a new angle to approach these improvements and will be getting cost estimates in the near future to repair the existing concrete and overlay new tennis court surfacing at the Choctaw site, as discussed with the board.

### ***c. Bayou Blue Site Improvements (LRD #11)***

- i. LRD #11 has recently shown interest in the basketball courts we have constructed in Abby and Marydale Subdivisions. We have put together a spec. packet for the board, and they are interesting in receiving bids to construct an outdoor court at the Bayou Blue recreational grounds.

### ***d. Oak Ridge Park / Golden Meadow Boat Launch (LRD #3)***

- i. Some recent rough weather caused a small amount of damage to some light poles at the ball fields at Oak Ridge Park. LRD #3 Board Chairman Joey Bouziga has informed me that they will be repaired soon.
- ii. The Golden Meadow Boat Launch Parking Lot project is still awaiting approval from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. They are currently reviewing the plans for the project and will inform us of their approval at some point in the coming weeks/months.

## **II. Public Facilities**

### ***a. Proposed Galliano Parish Office (adjacent to South Lafourche Library)***

- i. Instruction has been sent to Mr. Jay Caillouet (project architect) for him to resume work on this project. Our next step is to advertise for bids once again. Hopefully we will have a new timeline soon.

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**b. LPSO Detention Center**

- i. Since my last report, the emergency repairs were completed in a very timely fashion and we were able to bring the prisoners back after a very short time away from the jail.
- ii. The contract with Institutional Services was approved by the Council at the last meeting. The contractor has recently begun work on this project and we will provide updates in the coming weeks.
- iii. There was a recent Board of Health Inspection that provided us with a list of items that needed to be corrected at the facility. Our staff plumber returned to work last week after being home for some time with an injury. He has been working most of his hours at the Detention Center to correct these issues and well over half have already been addressed and corrected.

**c. Raceland Ag Building**

- i. A final walkthrough was conducted yesterday at the site to close out this project.
- ii. There have already been a couple of events held at the building and a few more are planned. Due to the responsibility that will come with using this facility and due to more incoming requests to use the building, we are developing a policy for parish entities to be able to use the building and will likely present it to the council within the month.
- iii. The restroom facilities (outside the building in the back) are in need of "attention". We plan to do some slight renovations to these facilities, and we will be sure to include routine cleaning for these facilities.

**d. Historic Courthouse Chiller**

- i. We are currently in the process of purchasing the chiller itself and are awaiting its arrival.
- ii. Currently, our engineer is working on the specifications for the installation of the chiller, which will require another separate bid and subsequent bid approval from the council. We currently do not have a timeline on the bid process for the chiller installation, but we hope to have one shortly.

*If any of you should ever have any questions regarding any project or a request about any building or recreation/park topic, do not hesitate to call my office at (985) 446-8427.*

*Also, for those of you that do not have it yet, my new cell number is (985) 258-7578.*

Thank you,

*Brennan M. Matherne*

Department Head,  
Parks, Recreation & Public Facilities

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**Finance Report**  
**February 26, 2008**

*Chastity Himel, Finance Director*

**Financial Reports**

- Royalty Revenue Report
- Sales Tax Revenue Report
- Operating Statements & Fund Recap

Financial Reports can be found at:  
[www.lafourchegov.org](http://www.lafourchegov.org)  
Finance Department



**Royalty Revenues**

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
• January	312,693	635,694
<b>Total YTD</b>	<b>312,693</b>	<b>635,694</b>



**Road Sales Tax District #2**

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
• January	510,329	522,012
<b>Total YTD</b>	<b>510,329</b>	<b>522,012</b>



Exhibit "D"

Road Sales Tax District A		
	2007	2008
• January	304,433	315,993
Total YTD	304,433	315,993

**LAFORCHE**  
PARISH GOVERNMENT

Solid Waste		
	2007	2008
• January	611,397	608,841
Total YTD	611,397	608,841

**LAFORCHE**  
PARISH GOVERNMENT

District Attorney Opinion 08-008
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2007 – 2008 State Travel Guide</li> <li>- State Travel Training</li> <li>- Update on handling of travel</li> </ul>

**LAFORCHE**  
PARISH GOVERNMENT

Cell Phone Policy/Procedures
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employees receiving phone bills for review</li> <li>• Policy Drafted</li> </ul>

**LAFORCHE**  
PARISH GOVERNMENT

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## Vehicle Procedures

- New Vehicle Log Implemented
- IRS Commuting Rule Applied

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## Credit Card Procedures

- Policy Drafted
- Procedures

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### LAFOURCHE PARISH GOVERNMENT ROAD SALES TAX DISTRICTS 3, 5, 6 PROJECTS ENGINEERING REPORT

February 26, 2008

#### **PROJECT 3G (CONCRETE PANELS)**

**ENGINEER:** J. Wayne Plaisance, Inc.

**CONTRACTOR:** Byron E. Talbot Contractor, Inc.

Byron E. Talbot Contractor, Inc. has completed this project and is working on the punch list. Notice to Proceed was issued on July 30, 2007 with a completion date of February 25, 2008 (contract time is 210 days).

#### **PROJECT 3H (MEADOWLANDS SUBDIVISION)**

**ENGINEER:** David T. Heck, P.E.

**CONTRACTOR:** Huey Stockstill, Inc.

Contracts have been signed and the Notice to Proceed is on hold until the waterline contractor replacing waterlines for the Lafourche Parish Water District on these streets is complete with their work and the problem with the David Heck contract is solved.

#### **PROJECT 3J (LAKE LONG DRIVE)**

**ENGINEER:** David T. Heck, P.E.

**CONTRACTOR:** N/A

Patching work on this project has begun. Notice to Proceed was issued on February 6, 2008 with a completion date of May 6, 2008 (contract time is 90 days).

#### **PROJECT 5F (LAFOURCHE CROSSING TO ST. CHARLES – HIGHWAY 1)**

**ENGINEER:** David T. Heck, P.E.

**CONTRACTOR:** Huey Stockstill, Inc.

This project is complete. Final inspection will be held on February 28. The Contract time on this project is 130 days. Notice to Proceed was issued on September 6, 2007 with a completion date of March 3, 2008 (Includes Change Order No. 2).

Exhibit "E"

**PROJECT 5H (CHACKBAY/CHOCTAW)**

**ENGINEER:** David T. Heck, P.E.

**CONTRACTOR:** N/A

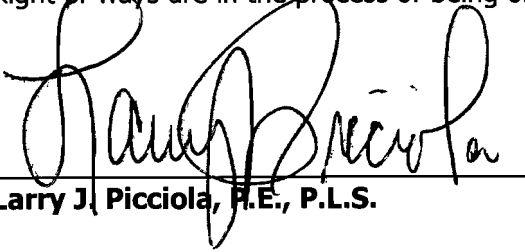
This project is scheduled for construction in the 2008 budget and waiting on the problems with the David Heck contract to be solved.

**PROJECT 5I (LEFORT BY-PASS)**

**ENGINEER:** Duplantis Design Group, L.L.C.

**CONTRACTOR:** N/A

Right of ways are in the process of being obtained for this project.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry J. Picciola", written over a horizontal line.

**Larry J. Picciola, P.E., P.L.S.**

## PROJECT LETTING SCHEDULE

Date	Letting #	Project Name	District	Town	Status	Total	Letting Total
Jun-05	1	3A	3	Bayou Blue	Complete	\$374,983.97	\$3,279,144.29
		5A	5	Kraemer	Complete	\$1,087,488.32	
		6A	6	Raceland	Complete	\$1,110,802.46	
		3D	3	Bayou Blue	Complete	\$705,869.54	
Sep-05	2	3E	3	Lockport to Larose & Matthews	Complete	\$1,257,220.54	\$2,678,644.24
		5C	5	Country Club	Complete	\$553,907.53	
		5D	5	West Thibodaux	Complete	\$867,516.17	
May-06	3	5G	5	Concrete Streets	Complete	\$516,364.55	\$516,364.55
May-06	4	6C	6	Raceland/Des Allmends	Complete	\$1,921,699.57	\$3,126,264.17
		5B	5	Choupic/Chackbay	Complete	\$1,204,564.60	
Jun-06	5	3B	3	Lower Bayou Blue/Pointe Au Chein	Complete	\$1,456,524.87	\$2,074,478.25
		3F	3	Bayou Blue	Complete	\$617,953.38	
Jul-06	6	6B	6	Four Point to Raceland - Hwy 1	Complete	\$1,166,084.60	\$1,166,084.60
Nov-06	7	5E	5	Laf. Crossing - Hwy 308	Complete	\$373,157.97	\$2,949,492.57
		5H	5	Choctaw	In Design	\$434,977.20	
		5F	5	Laf. Crossing - to St. Charles Hwy 1	Under Construction	\$1,439,319.00	
		5I	5	Lefort By Pass	In Design & Right-of-Ways	\$702,038.40	
Pending	8	3I	3	Gheens/Raceland Mill	Pending	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00
Dec-07	9	3J	3	Lake Long	Under Construction	\$723,184.19	\$723,184.19
Oct-07	10	3H	3	Bayou Blue - Meadowlands	Contract Signing	\$1,163,663.55	\$1,163,663.55
	11	3G	3	Concrete Streets	Under Construction	\$804,718.25	\$804,718.25
						\$19,982,038.66	\$19,982,038.66

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DISTRICT 3 & 5

**PROJECT 3G - CONCRETE PANELS**

ROBYN ST./JENNIFER
FANTASTIC BLVD.
CHATEAU ESTATES
COUNTRY VILLAGE

**PROJECT 3H - BAYOU BLUE**

ST. MARIE DR.
LACROIX DR.
ROBERTS DR.
MEADOWLAND/CHETTA DR.
STEWART PL.
DELL PL.
BARBARA PL.
RICHARD PL.
RONALD PL.
MYRTLE PL.

**PROJECT 3I - GREENS/RAGELAND MILL**

FARM TO MARKET
MILL STREET
SECOND
THIRD
FOURTH
FIFTH

**PROJECT 3J - LAKE LONG DRIVE**

LAKE LONG DRIVE
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**PROJECT 5F - LA 1 LAF. CROSSING AREA**

CITATION ST.
SUPERCHARGE DR.
BAYOU VISTA DRIVE
P. THIBODAUX RD.
LEDET DR.
CONSTANT DR.
BUTLER ST.
OMEGA ST.
LOUPE RD.
CEDAR ST.

**PROJECT 5H - CHOCTAW/CHACKBAY**

MARTINEZ ST
ELMO LN.
ORDOYNE RD
DELATTE RD
LOVERS LN
BENOIT No 2 RD
BENOIT No 1 RD
CHOCTAW SCHOOL RD
MOLAISON RD
LEGENRE ESTATES

**PROJECT 5I - LEFORT BY PASS**

LEFORT BY PASS
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