

**Minutes of the Livingston Parish Council
Livingston, Louisiana
January 9, 2025**

The Livingston Parish Council met in a regular session duly called, advertised, and convened at its regular meeting place, at the Governmental Building in the Parish Council Chambers, located on 20355 Government Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana, on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at the hour of six o'clock (6:00) p.m. with the following Livingston Parish Council members present:

Lonnie Watts
Ryan Chavers
John Wascom
Erin Sandefur

John Mangus
Ricky Goff
Dean Coates
Joseph "Joe" Erdey

Billy Taylor

Also present: Parish President Randy Delatte
Brad Cascio, Parish Legal Counsel

The chair called the meeting to order.

The chair addressed agenda item number 6a, "Election of 2025 officers: Council chair" and opened the floor for nominations.

LPR NO. 25-001

MOTION was offered by John Mangus and duly seconded by Lonnie Watts in accordance with Section 2-07(A) of the Home Rule Charter of Livingston Parish, to elect Billy Taylor as the chairman of the Livingston Parish Council for the year 2025.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. COATES, MR. CHAVERS, MR. MANGUS, MR. WASCOM, MR. TAYLOR,
MR. WATTS, MR. GOFF, MR. ERDEY, MS. SANDEFUR

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on January 9, 2025.

At that time, Councilman John Wascom, 2024 Livingston Parish Council chairman, congratulated Councilman Billy Taylor and passed the gavel to him as he took his seat as the newly elected chairman. The two (2) paused for a photo opportunity. Councilman Taylor thanked everyone and moved to the next agenda item.

The chair addressed agenda item number 6b, "Election of 2025 officers: Council vice-chair", and asked for recommendations for the Council vice-chair.

Councilman Dean Coates stated that he wished to recommend Councilman Ryan Chavers. The chair asked if there were any other recommendations?

Councilman Ricky Goff stated that he wished to recommend Councilman John Mangus for Council vice-chair.

Having no other nominations, the chair closed the nominations for Council vice-chair.

LPR NO. 25-002

MOTION was offered by Dean Coates in accordance with Section 2-07(A) of the Home Rule Charter of Livingston Parish, to elect Ryan Chavers as the vice-chairman of the Livingston Parish Council for the year of 2025.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. COATES, MR. CHAVERS, MR. ERDEY, MS. SANDEFUR

NAYS: MR. MANGUS, MR. WASCOM, MR. TAYLOR, MR. WATTS, MR. GOFF

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had FAILED and was NOT adopted on January 9, 2025.

LPR NO. 25-003

MOTION was offered by Ricky Goff in accordance with Section 2-07(A) of the Home Rule Charter of Livingston Parish, to elect John Mangus as the vice-chairman of the Livingston Parish Council for the year of 2025.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. COATES, MR. MANGUS, MR. WASCOM, MR. TAYLOR, MR. WATTS,
MR. GOFF, MR. ERDEY, MS. SANDEFUR

NAYS: MR. CHAVERS

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on January 9, 2025.

The chair announced that Public Input would be accepted from any member of the audience wishing to address an agenda item and explained the procedure to be called upon.

The chair addressed agenda item number 9, "Parish President's Report".

The Parish President congratulated the newly elected chairman and vice-chair. Before he began his report, he wished to congratulate Councilman John Wascom who had served two (2) consecutive terms and had done a great and outstanding job.

He advised that he did not have anything in addition to report at that time, other than his report that had been submitted earlier that day and had been included in their meeting packets. He asked if anyone had any questions for him, and if not, they could move to the next agenda item.

The chair asked if any of the Council members had any questions.

Councilman John Mangus wished to make a comment and say thank you for all that the Parish President's Administration had done as far as drainage, wanting to mention in particular Willis Bayou.

The Parish President complimented the hard work of people out in the field and the staff, as well as the Council. He stated that the Council has identified and stayed on top of what their drainage problems were, and he appreciated that.

The chair addressed agenda item number(s) 10a and b, "Adoption of Minutes:

- a. Regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council dated December 5, 2024
- b. Regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council dated December 19, 2024"

He advised that the Council clerk had to go over some of the minutes and this would be placed on the next agenda.

The chair addressed agenda item number 11, "Adopt a resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the election held in the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 for the continuation of the levy of a tax at a reduced rate of 2.0 mills (a reduction of the tax from the 2.5 mills currently being levied) commencing with the year 2025 for an additional ten (10) year period ending with the year 2024 to be rededicated for the purposes of acquiring sites for, and for constructing, improving, maintaining and operating the Parish Health Unit and Parish Animal Shelters and for providing additional support for animal control operations in the Parish of Livingston and to promulgate the results thereof - Jim Ryan, Government Consultants, Inc.", and asked the Council clerk to read the resolution declaring the election results.

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Ricky Goff and seconded by Councilman John Mangus:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-004

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION HELD IN THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024 AND TO PROMULGATE THE RESULTS THEREOF.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council, acting as of governing authority (the "**Governing Authority**"), of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana (the "**Parish**") that:

SECTION 1. Canvass. This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulations of votes cast at the election held by the Parish on **Tuesday, November 5, 2024** (the "**Election**") and said Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the Election.

SECTION 2. Procès Verbal. A *Procès Verbal* of the canvass of the returns of the Election shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in his office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of the Parish; and another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this Governing Authority.

SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Results. The results of the Election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 4. Election Cost. The estimated cost of the Election as determined by the Louisiana Secretary of State was \$5,100.

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

YEAS: MR. COATES, MR. CHAVERS, MR. MANGUS, MR. WASCOM, MR. TAYLOR,
MR. WATTS, MR. GOFF, MR. ERDEY, MS. SANDEFUR

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 9th day of January, 2025.



Billy Taylor, Council Chairman



Sandy C. Teal, Council Clerk

PROCÈS VERBAL AND PROCLAMATION OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE ELECTION HELD IN THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on January 9, 2025 at six o'clock (6:00) p.m., at its regular meeting place, Governmental Building, 20355 Government Blvd., Livingston, Louisiana, the Parish Council, acting as the governing authority (the "**Governing Authority**"), of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana (the "**Parish**") and being the authority ordering the election held therein on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 (the "**Election**"), did, in open and public session, examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the Election, and did examine and canvass the returns of the Election, there having been submitted at the Election the following propositions, to wit:

PROPOSITION NO. 1 OF 2

Shall the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana (the "**Parish**") be authorized to continue the levy of a tax on all property subject to taxation in the Parish, authorized pursuant to an election held on May 2, 2015 (the "**Tax**"), at a reduced rate of 2.0 mills (a reduction of the Tax from the 2.5 mills currently being levied) commencing with the year 2025 for an additional ten (10) year period ending with the year 2034 (an estimated \$1,200,000

reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of such millage for an entire year), with the proceeds of the Tax, collected previously and in the future, to be rededicated for the purposes of acquiring sites for, and for constructing, improving, maintaining and operating the Parish health unit and Parish animal shelters and for providing additional support for animal control operations in the Parish?

**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION
PRECINCTS LOCATION REPORT FOR THE PARISH**

| WARD/ PRECINCT | POLL PLACE NAME & LOCATION | CITY | VOTE TABULATION | |
|---------------------------|--|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| | | | YES | NO |
| 00/01 | N Live Oak Elementary School – 36605 Outback Rd | Denham Springs | 343 | 433 |
| 00/01A | N Live Oak Elementary School – 36605 Outback Rd | Denham Springs | 88 | 78 |
| 00/01B | Live Oak Elementary School Cafeteria – 35194 Old Hwy 16 | Denham Springs | 208 | 211 |
| 00/01C | Live Oak Elementary School Cafeteria – 35194 Old Hwy 16 | Denham Springs | 146 | 226 |
| 00/01D | N Live Oak Elementary School – 36605 Outback Rd | Denham Springs | 336 | 360 |
| 00/02 | S Live Oak Elementary School – 8400 Cecil Drive | Denham Springs | 274 | 322 |
| 00/02A | S Live Oak Elementary School – 8400 Cecil Drive | Denham Springs | 224 | 299 |
| 00/03 | Faith Crossing UMC – 34260 Walker North Rd | Walker | 315 | 512 |
| 00/03A | Levi Milton Elementary School – 31450 Walker North Rd | Walker | 194 | 279 |
| 00/03B | Faith Crossing UMC – 34260 Walker North Rd | Walker | 85 | 115 |
| 00/04 | Live Oak Middle School – 8444 Cecil Drive | Denham Springs | 249 | 292 |
| 00/04A | Live Oak Middle School – 8444 Cecil Drive | Denham Springs | 167 | 208 |
| 00/04B | Live Oak Middle School – 8444 Cecil Drive | Denham Springs | 53 | 76 |
| 00/05 | Levi Milton Elementary School – 31450 Walker North Rd | Walker | 279 | 349 |
| 00/05A | N Corbin Elementary School – 32645 N Corbin Rd | Walker | 115 | 143 |
| 00/05B | Levi Milton Elementary School – 31450 Walker North Rd | Walker | 164 | 217 |
| 00/05D | Levi Milton Elementary School – 31450 Walker North Rd | Walker | 67 | 98 |
| 00/06 | N Corbin Elementary School – 32645 N Corbin Rd | Walker | 270 | 358 |
| 00/06A | N Livingston Voting Precinct – 32511 La Hwy 63 | Livingston | 136 | 189 |
| 00/06B | N Livingston Voting Precinct – 32511 La Hwy 63 | Livingston | 116 | 164 |
| 00/07 | South Walker Elementary School – 13745 Milton Ln | Walker | 131 | 143 |
| 00/07A | Walker High School – 12646 Burgess Ave | Walker | 66 | 84 |
| 00/07B | S Walker Elementary School – 13745 Milton Ln | Walker | 317 | 324 |
| 00/07C | S Walker Elementary School – 13745 Milton Ln | Walker | 85 | 80 |
| 00/07D | S Walker Elementary School – 13745 Milton Ln | Walker | 94 | 88 |
| 00/08A | Doyle Elementary School – 29285 S Range Rd | Livingston | 144 | 215 |
| 00/08B | Doyle Elementary School – 29285 S Range Rd | Livingston | 44 | 48 |
| 00/09 | Fire District No. 11 Station – 33815 La Hwy 43 | Independence | 277 | 315 |
| 00/10 | Holden High School – 30120 La Hwy 441 | Holden | 167 | 247 |
| 00/11 | Albany Elementary School – 29777 S Montpelier Ave | Albany | 206 | 259 |
| 00/11A | Albany Elementary School – 29777 S Montpelier Ave | Albany | 213 | 262 |
| 00/12 | Albany Elementary School – 29777 S Montpelier Ave | Albany | 225 | 227 |
| 00/13A | Albany/Springfield Branch Public Library – 26941 La Hwy 43 | Hammond | 100 | 148 |
| 00/13B | Albany/Springfield Branch Public Library – 26941 La Hwy 43 | Hammond | 174 | 189 |
| 00/14 | Springfield Elem School (Cafeteria) – 25190 Blood River Road | Springfield | 290 | 314 |
| 00/15 | Killian Voting Precinct – 28284 La Hwy 22 | Springfield | 101 | 146 |
| 00/16 | Maurepas School New Gym – 25125 la Hwy 22 | Maurepas | 318 | 345 |
| 00/17 | Fire District No. 9 Station No. 2 – 20368 La Hwy 22 | Maurepas | 245 | 263 |
| 00/18 | French Settlement Elem School – 15810 La Hwy 16 | French Settlement | 293 | 416 |
| 00/18A | French Settlement Elem School – 15810 La Hwy 16 | French Settlement | 8 | 8 |
| 00/19 | Frost Elementary School – 1967 La Hwy 42 | Livingston | 203 | 336 |
| 00/19A | Frost Elementary School – 1967 La Hwy 42 | Livingston | 70 | 102 |
| 00/20 | Frost Elementary School – 1967 La Hwy 42 | Livingston | 56 | 74 |
| 00/21 | S Fork Elementary School (Caf) – 23300 Walker South Rd | Denham Springs | 362 | 352 |
| 00/21A | Gray's Creek Elementary School – 11400 La Hwy 1033 | Denham Springs | 134 | 116 |
| 00/21B | South Fork Elementary School – 23300 Walker South Rd | Denham Springs | 91 | 89 |
| 00/22 | Livingston Parish South Branch Library – 23477 La Hwy 444 | Livingston | 111 | 189 |
| 00/23 | Gray's Creek Elementary School – 11400 La Hwy 1033 | Denham Springs | 237 | 330 |
| 00/23A | Juban Parc Junior High School – 12470 Brown Rd | Denham Springs | 177 | 211 |
| 00/23B | Juban Parc Junior High School – 12470 Brown Rd | Denham Springs | 178 | 127 |
| 00/23C | Gray's Creek Elementary School – 11400 La Hwy 1033 | Denham Springs | 267 | 272 |
| 00/24 | Southside Junior High School – 26535 La Hwy 16, Ste B | Denham Springs | 278 | 273 |
| 00/24B | Southside Junior High School – 26535 La Hwy 16, Ste B | Denham Springs | 150 | 124 |
| 00/24C | Southside Junior High School – 26535 La Hwy 16, Ste B | Denham Springs | 164 | 204 |
| 00/24D | Southside Junior High School – 26535 La Hwy 16, Ste B | Denham Springs | 154 | 131 |
| 00/25 | Denham Springs Jr High School – 401 Hatchell Lane | Denham Springs | 130 | 113 |

| WARD/ PRECINCT | POLL PLACE NAME & LOCATION | CITY | VOTE TABULATION | |
|-------------------|--|-------------------|--------------------|-------|
| | | | YES | NO |
| 00/26 | Denham Springs Elementary School Gym – 306 N Range Ave | Denham Springs | 200 | 148 |
| 00/26A | Denham Springs Elementary School Gym – 306 N Range Ave | Denham Springs | 178 | 156 |
| 00/26B | Denham Springs Elementary School Gym – 306 N Range Ave | Denham Springs | 170 | 165 |
| 00/26C | Denham Springs Elementary School Gym – 306 N Range Ave | Denham Springs | 141 | 125 |
| 00/27 | Denham Springs Jr High School – 401 Hatchell Lane | Denham Springs | 293 | 259 |
| 00/28 | Southside Elementary School – 26535 La Hwy 16, Ste A | Denham Springs | 135 | 158 |
| 00/29 | Livingston Town Hall – 20550 Circle Drive | Livingston | 187 | 231 |
| 00/30 | Albany Middle School (Cafeteria) – 29675 Reeves St | Albany | 142 | 142 |
| 00/31 | Springfield Elementary School (Gym) – 25190 Blood River Rd | Springfield | 69 | 83 |
| 00/32 | Killian Voting Precinct – 2284 La Hwy 22 | Springfield | 182 | 254 |
| 00/33 | Port Vincent Village Hall – 18235 La Hwy 16 | Port Vincent | 96 | 109 |
| 00/34 | French Settlement Village Hall – 16015 La Hwy 16 | French Settlement | 155 | 210 |
| 00/35 | Walker Junior Hwy – 134433 Burgess Ave | Walker | 224 | 221 |
| 00/35A | Walker Junior Hwy – 134433 Burgess Ave | Walker | 135 | 117 |
| 00/36 | Westside Junior High School – 12615 Burgess Avenue | Walker | 189 | 258 |
| 00/36A | Westside Junior High School – 12615 Burgess Avenue | Walker | 115 | 165 |
| 00/38 | Springfield Elem School (Cafeteria) – 25190 Blood River Rd | Springfield | 300 | 315 |
| 00/39 | Eastside Elementary School – 9735 Lockhart Rd | Denham Springs | 133 | 165 |
| 00/39A | Eastside Elementary School – 9735 Lockhart Rd | Denham Springs | 155 | 163 |
| 00/39B | Eastside Elementary School – 9735 Lockhart Rd | Denham Springs | 107 | 130 |
| 00/40 | Freshwater Elementary School – 1025 Cockerham Rd | Denham Springs | 195 | 232 |
| 00/40A | Freshwater Elementary School – 1025 Cockerham Rd | Denham Springs | 293 | 316 |
| 00/41 | Freshwater Elementary School – 1025 Cockerham Rd | Denham Springs | 113 | 99 |
| 00/43 | French Settlement Elementary School – 15810 La Hwy 16 | French Settlement | 38 | 63 |
| | | Early Voting | 16091 | 15408 |
| | | TOTAL | 30125 | 31785 |

The polling places above specified being the only polling places designated at which to hold the Election, it was therefore shown that there was a total of 30,125 votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of 317,85 votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition as hereinabove set forth. **THE PROPOSITION DULY DEFEATED.**

Therefore, the Governing Authority did declare and proclaim and does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that Proposition as hereinabove set forth **DULY DEFEATED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the Election held in the Parish on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Livingston, Louisiana, on this the 9th day of January, 2025.

**PARISH OF LIVINGSTON,
STATE OF LOUISIANA**


Billy Taylor, Council chairman


Sandy C. Teal, Council Clerk

PROCLAMATION

I, the undersigned Parish President of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana (the "**Parish**"), do hereby declare, proclaim and announce the results of the following proposition submitted at the election held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 by the Parish, all as described and set out in the above *Procès Verbal*:

Proposition DULY DEFEATED by a majority of the votes cast.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Livingston, Louisiana, on the 9th day of January, 2025.


Billy Taylor
Title: Livingston Parish Council chairman

ATTEST:

\s\ Sandy C. Teal

Sandy C. Teal

Title: Council Clerk

The chair addressed agenda item number 12, "Adopt a resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the election held in the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 to authorize the rededication of the 1/4th of net revenues collected previously and in the future from the levy and collection of an existing 1% Sales Tax authorized to be levied in the Parish through 2035 for the purpose of constructing, acquiring, extending, expanding, maintaining, improving, operating, equipping and furnishing Parish jail facilities, to add any revenues in excess of the amount budgeted annually for such purposes to be available for Parish road projects, drainage and Parish animal control facilities and programs – Jim Ryan, Government Consultants, Inc.", and asked the Council clerk to read the resolution declaring the election results.

The following resolution was offered by Ricky Goff and seconded by John Mangus:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-005

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION HELD IN THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024 AND TO PROMULGATE THE RESULTS THEREOF.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council, acting as of governing authority (the "Governing Authority"), of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana (the "Parish") that:

SECTION 1. Canvass. This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulations of votes cast at the election held by the Parish on **Tuesday, November 5, 2024** (the "Election") and said Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the Election.

SECTION 2. Procès Verbal. A *Procès Verbal* of the canvass of the returns of the Election shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in his office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of the Parish; and another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this Governing Authority.

SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Results. The results of the Election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 4. Election Cost. The estimated cost of the Election as determined by the Louisiana Secretary of State was \$5,100.

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

YEAS: MR. COATES, MR. CHAVERS, MR. MANGUS, MR. WASCOM, MR. TAYLOR,
MR. WATTS, MR. GOFF, MR. ERDEY, MS. SANDEFUR

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 9th day of January, 2025.

\s\ Billy Taylor

Billy Taylor, Council Chairman

\s\ Sandy C. Teal

Sandy C. Teal, Council Clerk

**PROCÈS VERBAL AND PROCLAMATION OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES
CAST AT THE ELECTION HELD IN THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON, STATE
OF LOUISIANA, ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024.**

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on January 9, 2025 at Six o'clock (6:00) p.m., at its regular meeting place, Governmental Building, 20355 Government Blvd., Livingston, Louisiana, the Parish Council, acting as the governing authority (the "**Governing Authority**"), of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana (the "**Parish**") and being the authority ordering the election held therein on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 (the "**Election**"), did, in open and public session, examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the Election, and did examine and canvass the returns of the Election, there having been submitted at the Election the following propositions, to wit:

PROPOSITION NO. 2 OF 2
SALES & USE TAX REDEDICATION

Shall the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana ("Parish") be authorized (i) to rededicate the 1/4th of net revenues collected previously and in the future from the levy and collection of an existing 1% sales tax (the "Tax") authorized to be levied in the Parish through 2035 pursuant to an election held on November 3, 2020, for the purpose of constructing, acquiring, extending, expanding, maintaining, improving, operating, equipping and furnishing Parish jail facilities, to add that any revenues in excess of the amount budgeted annually for such purposes to be available for Parish road projects, drainage and Parish animal control facilities and programs; and (ii) to continue to use the 3/4th of net revenues of the Tax to construct, acquire, extend, expand, improve, maintain and operate roads, bridges and related road drainage throughout the Parish, and acquire equipment related thereto (an estimated \$19,200,000.00 reasonably expected to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year); and shall the Parish be further authorized to fund the proceeds of the Tax into bonds for any of said capital improvements as permitted by the laws of Louisiana?

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION
PRECINCTS LOCATION REPORT FOR THE PARISH

| WARD/ PRECINCT | POLL PLACE NAME & LOCATION | CITY | VOTE TABULATION | |
|---------------------------|---|----------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| | | | YES | NO |
| 00/01 | N Live Oak Elementary School – 36605 Outback Rd | Denham Springs | 359 | 413 |
| 00/01A | N Live Oak Elementary School – 36605 Outback Rd | Denham Springs | 81 | 83 |
| 00/01B | Live Oak Elementary School Cafeteria – 35194 Old Hwy 16 | Denham Springs | 212 | 206 |
| 00/01C | Live Oak Elementary School Cafeteria – 35194 Old Hwy 16 | Denham Springs | 171 | 202 |
| 00/01D | N Live Oak Elementary School – 36605 Outback Rd | Denham Springs | 375 | 321 |
| 00/02 | S Live Oak Elementary School – 8400 Cecil Drive | Denham Springs | 292 | 307 |
| 00/02A | S Live Oak Elementary School – 8400 Cecil Drive | Denham Springs | 242 | 281 |
| 00/03 | Faith Crossing UMC – 34260 Walker North Rd | Walker | 332 | 498 |
| 00/03A | Levi Milton Elementary School – 31450 Walker North Rd | Walker | 209 | 259 |
| 00/03B | Faith Crossing UMC – 34260 Walker North Rd | Walker | 81 | 118 |
| 00/04 | Live Oak Middle School – 8444 Cecil Drive | Denham Springs | 262 | 278 |
| 00/04A | Live Oak Middle School – 8444 Cecil Drive | Denham Springs | 182 | 185 |
| 00/04B | Live Oak Middle School – 8444 Cecil Drive | Denham Springs | 61 | 64 |
| 00/05 | Levi Milton Elementary School – 31450 Walker North Rd | Walker | 256 | 355 |
| 00/05A | N Corbin Elementary School – 32645 N Corbin Rd | Walker | 113 | 148 |
| 00/05B | Levi Milton Elementary School – 31450 Walker North Rd | Walker | 183 | 192 |
| 00/05D | Levi Milton Elementary School – 31450 Walker North Rd | Walker | 84 | 82 |
| 00/06 | N Corbin Elementary School – 32645 N Corbin Rd | Walker | 259 | 366 |
| 00/06A | N Livingston Voting Precinct – 32511 La Hwy 63 | Livingston | 132 | 188 |
| 00/06B | N Livingston Voting Precinct – 32511 La Hwy 63 | Livingston | 119 | 159 |
| 00/07 | South Walker Elementary School – 13745 Milton Ln | Walker | 140 | 117 |
| 00/07A | Walker High School – 12646 Burgess Ave | Walker | 85 | 64 |
| 00/07B | S Walker Elementary School – 13745 Milton Ln | Walker | 328 | 304 |
| 00/07C | S Walker Elementary School – 13745 Milton Ln | Walker | 90 | 74 |
| 00/07D | S Walker Elementary School – 13745 Milton Ln | Walker | 110 | 70 |
| 00/08A | Doyle Elementary School – 29285 S Range Rd | Livingston | 155 | 202 |
| 00/08B | Doyle Elementary School – 29285 S Range Rd | Livingston | 52 | 40 |
| 00/09 | Fire District No. 11 Station – 33815 La Hwy 43 | Independence | 286 | 306 |
| 00/10 | Holden High School – 30120 La Hwy 441 | Holden | 193 | 220 |

| WARD/ PRECINCT | POLL PLACE NAME & LOCATION | CITY | VOTE TABULATION | |
|-------------------|--|-------------------|--------------------|-------|
| | | | YES | NO |
| 00/11 | Albany Elementary School – 29777 S Montpelier Ave | Albany | 220 | 246 |
| 00/11A | Albany Elementary School – 29777 S Montpelier Ave | Albany | 213 | 258 |
| 00/12 | Albany Elementary School – 29777 S Montpelier Ave | Albany | 223 | 215 |
| 00/13A | Albany/Springfield Branch Public Library – 26941 La Hwy 43 | Hammond | 123 | 116 |
| 00/13B | Albany/Springfield Branch Public Library – 26941 La Hwy 43 | Hammond | 167 | 191 |
| 00/14 | Springfield Elem School (Cafeteria) – 25190 Blood River Road | Springfield | 312 | 285 |
| 00/15 | Killian Voting Precinct – 28284 La Hwy 22 | Springfield | 114 | 132 |
| 00/16 | Maurepas School New Gym – 25125 la Hwy 22 | Maurepas | 311 | 346 |
| 00/17 | Fire District No. 9 Station No. 2 – 20368 La Hwy 22 | Maurepas | 266 | 238 |
| 00/18 | French Settlement Elem School – 15810 La Hwy 16 | French Settlement | 325 | 378 |
| 00/18A | French Settlement Elem School – 15810 La Hwy 16 | French Settlement | 5 | 11 |
| 00/19 | Frost Elementary School – 1967 La Hwy 42 | Livingston | 223 | 317 |
| 00/19A | Frost Elementary School – 1967 La Hwy 42 | Livingston | 72 | 100 |
| 00/20 | Frost Elementary School – 1967 La Hwy 42 | Livingston | 55 | 73 |
| 00/21 | S Fork Elementary School (Caf) – 23300 Walker South Rd | Denham Springs | 385 | 330 |
| 00/21A | Gray's Creek Elementary School – 11400 La Hwy 1033 | Denham Springs | 135 | 113 |
| 00/21B | South Fork Elementary School – 23300 Walker South Rd | Denham Springs | 86 | 98 |
| 00/22 | Livingston Parish South Branch Library – 23477 La Hwy 444 | Livingston | 125 | 165 |
| 00/23 | Gray's Creek Elementary School – 11400 La Hwy 1033 | Denham Springs | 270 | 301 |
| 00/23A | Juban Parc Junior High School – 12470 Brown Rd | Denham Springs | 219 | 180 |
| 00/23B | Juban Parc Junior High School – 12470 Brown Rd | Denham Springs | 160 | 134 |
| 00/23C | Gray's Creek Elementary School – 11400 La Hwy 1033 | Denham Springs | 295 | 239 |
| 00/24 | Southside Junior High School – 26535 La Hwy 16, Ste B | Denham Springs | 305 | 242 |
| 00/24B | Southside Junior High School – 26535 La Hwy 16, Ste B | Denham Springs | 145 | 122 |
| 00/24C | Southside Junior High School – 26535 La Hwy 16, Ste B | Denham Springs | 179 | 188 |
| 00/24D | Southside Junior High School – 26535 La Hwy 16, Ste B | Denham Springs | 154 | 124 |
| 00/25 | Denham Springs Jr High School – 401 Hatchell Lane | Denham Springs | 130 | 112 |
| 00/26 | Denham Springs Elementary School Gym – 306 N Range Ave | Denham Springs | 200 | 149 |
| 00/26A | Denham Springs Elementary School Gym – 306 N Range Ave | Denham Springs | 174 | 156 |
| 00/26B | Denham Springs Elementary School Gym – 306 N Range Ave | Denham Springs | 190 | 143 |
| 00/26C | Denham Springs Elementary School Gym – 306 N Range Ave | Denham Springs | 148 | 116 |
| 00/27 | Denham Springs Jr High School – 401 Hatchell Lane | Denham Springs | 302 | 249 |
| 00/28 | Southside Elementary School – 26535 La Hwy 16, Ste A | Denham Springs | 164 | 162 |
| 00/29 | Livingston Town Hall – 20550 Circle Drive | Livingston | 181 | 231 |
| 00/30 | Albany Middle School (Cafeteria) – 29675 Reeves St | Albany | 147 | 135 |
| 00/31 | Springfield Elementary School (Gym) – 25190 Blood River Rd | Springfield | 76 | 73 |
| 00/32 | Killian Voting Precinct – 2284 La Hwy 22 | Springfield | 193 | 240 |
| 00/33 | Port Vincent Village Hall – 18235 La Hwy 16 | Port Vincent | 104 | 98 |
| 00/34 | French Settlement Village Hall – 16015 La Hwy 16 | French Settlement | 159 | 204 |
| 00/35 | Walker Junior Hwy – 134433 Burgess Ave | Walker | 234 | 210 |
| 00/35A | Walker Junior Hwy – 134433 Burgess Ave | Walker | 130 | 122 |
| 00/36 | Westside Junior High School – 12615 Burgess Avenue | Walker | 208 | 240 |
| 00/36A | Westside Junior High School – 12615 Burgess Avenue | Walker | 129 | 151 |
| 00/38 | Springfield Elem School (Cafeteria) – 25190 Blood River Rd | Springfield | 285 | 324 |
| 00/39 | Eastside Elementary School – 9735 Lockhart Rd | Denham Springs | 153 | 140 |
| 00/39A | Eastside Elementary School – 9735 Lockhart Rd | Denham Springs | 150 | 164 |
| 00/39B | Eastside Elementary School – 9735 Lockhart Rd | Denham Springs | 108 | 126 |
| 00/40 | Freshwater Elementary School – 1025 Cockerham Rd | Denham Springs | 217 | 212 |
| 00/40A | Freshwater Elementary School – 1025 Cockerham Rd | Denham Springs | 289 | 320 |
| 00/41 | Freshwater Elementary School – 1025 Cockerham Rd | Denham Springs | 119 | 91 |
| 00/43 | French Settlement Elementary School – 15810 La Hwy 16 | French Settlement | 39 | 58 |
| | | Early Voting | 16599 | 14681 |
| | | TOTAL | 31359 | 30151 |

The polling places above specified being the only polling places designated at which to hold the Election, it was therefore shown that there was a total of 31,359 votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of 30,151 votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition as hereinabove set forth. **THE PROPOSITION DULY PASSED.**

Therefore, the Governing Authority did declare and proclaim and does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that Proposition as hereinabove set forth **DULY PASSED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the Election held in the Parish on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Livingston, Louisiana, on this the 9th day of January, 2025.

PARISH OF LIVINGSTON,
STATE OF LOUISIANA

\s\ Billy Taylor

Billy Taylor, Council Chairman

\s\ Sandy C. Teal

Sandy C. Teal, Council Clerk

PROCLAMATION

I, the undersigned Parish Council Chairman of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana (the "**Parish**"), do hereby declare, proclaim and announce the results of the following proposition submitted at the election held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 by the Parish, all as described and set out in the above *Procès Verbal*:

Proposition DULY PASSED by a majority of the votes cast.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Livingston, Louisiana, on the 9th day of January, 2025.

\s\ Billy Taylor

Billy Taylor

Title: Council Chairman

ATTEST:

\s\ Sandy C. Teal

Sandy C. Teal

Title: Council Clerk

The chair addressed agenda item number 13, "Public Hearing and Adoption of L.P. Ordinance No. 24-34: An ordinance to amend Chapter 125, "Subdivision Regulations", Article II – "Studies", Section(s) 125-26 and 125-27, to update the language for the inclusion and adoption of the Livingston Parish Drainage Criteria Manual", and asked the Council clerk to read the ordinance by title as follows:

L. P. ORDINANCE NO. 24-34

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 125, "SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS", ARTICLE II – "STUDIES" SECTION(S) 125-26 AND 125-27, TO UPDATE THE LANGUAGE FOR THE INCLUSION AND ADOPTION OF THE LIVINGSTON PARISH DRAINAGE CRITERIA MANUAL.

The chair opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone who wished to speak on this item.

Public input: Wesley Kinnebrew, Manager of Gravity Drainage District No. 1

Having no other comments, the chair closed the public hearing.

LPR NO. 25-006

The following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council on December 5, 2024, a summary thereof having been published in the Official Journal together with a notice of public hearing which was held in accordance with said public notice, was brought up for final passage on January 9, 2025 on Motion of John Mangus and duly seconded by John Wascom:

L. P. ORDINANCE NO. 24-34

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 125, "SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS", ARTICLE II – "STUDIES" SECTION(S) 125-26 AND 125-27, TO UPDATE THE LANGUAGE FOR THE INCLUSION AND

ADOPTION OF THE LIVINGSTON PARISH DRAINAGE CRITERIA
MANUAL.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. COATES, MR. CHAVERS, MR. MANGUS, MR. WASCOM, MR. TAYLOR,
MR. WATTS, MR. GOFF, MR. ERDEY, MS. SANDEFUR

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and the ordinance was adopted on January 9, 2025.

(The above and foregoing ordinance, upon final approval by the President, or the Council in case of veto by the President, shall be published in full in the Official Journal by the Clerk of the Council within fifteen (15) days of its adoption and shall be recorded in full in the Livingston Parish Council Ordinance Book No. 5).

The chair addressed agenda item number 14, "Public Hearing and Adoption of L.P. Ordinance No. 24-38: An ordinance to provide for the extension of L.P. Ordinance No. 24-02, previously adopted on January 25, 2024, which set the current twelve (12) month moratorium in place being due to expire on January 31, 2025; and whereby extending said moratorium for an additional three (3) months that will prohibit the Stage I pre-liminary meeting of any applications for a preliminary plat for a Subdivision with Improvements, a Subdivision without Improvements and Multi-family Developments or until Final Zoning and the Unified Land Development Code are adopted (whichever occurs first)", and called for the Council clerk to read the ordinance by title as follows:

L. P. ORDINANCE NO. 24-38

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXTENSION OF A TWELVE (12) MONTH PARISH-WIDE MORATORIUM THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED ON JANUARY 25, 2024, BEING L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 24-02, BY EXTENDING SAID MORATORIUM FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE (3) MONTHS THAT WILL PROHIBIT THE STAGE I PRE-LIMINARY MEETING OF ANY APPLICATIONS FOR A PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR A SUBDIVISION WITH IMPROVEMENTS, A SUBDIVISION WITHOUT IMPROVEMENTS AND MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPMENTS OR UNTIL FINAL ZONING AND THE UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE ARE ADOPTED (WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST).

The chair opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone who wished to comment. Having none, the chair closed the public hearing.

LPR NO. 25-007

The following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council on December 19, 2024, a summary thereof having been published in the Official Journal together with a notice of public hearing which was held in accordance with said public notice, was brought up for final passage on January 9, 2025 on Motion of John Mangus and duly seconded by Ricky Goff:

L. P. ORDINANCE NO. 24-38

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXTENSION OF A TWELVE (12) MONTH PARISH-WIDE MORATORIUM THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED ON JANUARY 25, 2024, BEING L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 24-02, BY EXTENDING SAID MORATORIUM FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE (3) MONTHS THAT WILL PROHIBIT THE STAGE I PRE-LIMINARY MEETING OF ANY APPLICATIONS FOR A PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR A SUBDIVISION WITH IMPROVEMENTS, A SUBDIVISION WITHOUT IMPROVEMENTS AND MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPMENTS OR UNTIL FINAL ZONING AND THE UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE ARE ADOPTED (WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST).

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. COATES, MR. CHAVERS, MR. MANGUS, MR. WASCOM, MR. TAYLOR,
MR. WATTS, MR. GOFF, MR. ERDEY, MS. SANDEFUR

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and the ordinance was adopted on January 9, 2025.

(The above and foregoing ordinance, upon final approval by the President, or the Council in case of veto by the President, shall be published in full in the Official Journal by the Clerk of the Council within fifteen (15) days of its adoption and shall be recorded in full in the Livingston Parish Council Ordinance Book No. 5).

The chair addressed agenda item number 15, “Discussion and adopt resolution taking action on beaver dam”, and called upon Councilman Joe Erdey.

Councilman Erdey explained the extensive research that he had done on this matter. The chair asked if there was any public input on this agenda item. Having none, the chair called for a vote.

Councilman John Mangus wished to ask Administration how beaver problems were handled?

The Parish President advised that in the past, it had been done in several different ways. They have trapped, there had also been a state program and several other methods. If this resolution passes, Administration would take Councilman Erdey’s request very seriously. He advised that they had trappers on site, they would evaluate the situation and make an Administrative determination.

Councilman Mangus asked if the Parish has trappers?

The Parish President advised that it was his understanding that they had three (3).

Councilman Mangus asked Councilman Erdey if the trapper company that he had found was from Livingston Parish? Councilman Erdey stated that they were from the Walker area.

Councilman Lonnie Watts asked if this was located on private property and does the Parish have their permission?

Councilman Erdey stated that had been discussed earlier, and he knew that the Department of Public Works could verify that they have been opening the dams up, so he knew that they have had clearance to go through there, and that has been dealt with.

The chair asked if there were any other comment. Having none, he called for the vote.

LPR NO. 25-008

MOTION was made by Joe Erdey and duly seconded by Ricky Goff to request Administration to advertise in the Official Journal for Request for Proposals (RFPs) for beaver removal located in an unnamed creek on LA Highway 442, two miles west of Kinchen’s Grocery, Albany, Louisiana in Council District 9.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. COATES, MR. CHAVERS, MR. WASCOM, MR. TAYLOR, MR. WATTS,
MR. GOFF, MR. ERDEY, MS. SANDEFUR

NAYS: MR. MANGUS

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on January 9, 2025.

The chair addressed agenda item number 16a, “Board (re)appointment(s)/Resignation(s): Appointment of Louisiana Community Development Authority Director – John Wascom”.

Councilman John Wascom gave a brief explanation about this appointment. He stated that he would like to be appointed for another time if Councilman Billy Taylor did not wish to serve this year. Councilman Taylor stated that he would like to serve with Councilman Wascom.

Councilman Wascom made a motion that Councilman Taylor be the official appointment and would then be the contact for them. He stated that when the meeting is held, he would attend with Councilman Taylor. Councilman John Mangus advised that he wished to second that motion.

The following resolution was offered by John Wascom and seconded by John Mangus:

LIVINGSTON PARISH RESOLUTION NO. 25-009

A RESOLUTION INDICATING THE INTENTION OF THE LIVINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TO APPROVE THE TWO (2) YEAR APPOINTMENT OF AS A DIRECTOR TO THE BOARD OF THE LOUISIANA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (THE "AUTHORITY") AS PROVIDED BY CHAPTER 10-D OF TITLE 33 OF THE LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES OF 1950, AS AMENDED.

WHEREAS, Chapter 10-D of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, comprised of R.S. 33:4548.1 through 4548.16 is known as the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Act (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Act creates the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (the "Authority") for the purpose of assisting political subdivisions, as defined in the Act, and other designated entities in acquiring, financing and constructing certain facilities, including environmental, public infrastructure, community and economic development purposes and to otherwise establish programs to aid in the financing of local government and economic development projects; and

WHEREAS, the Livingston Parish Council, State of Louisiana, previously passed a resolution to become a participating political subdivision of the Authority in accordance with the Act; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing authority of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana, acting in such capacity:

Section 1. Approve the appointment of Councilman Billy Taylor to serve as a Director of the Authority for a term of two (2) years from the date hereof.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately and a certified copy hereof shall be forwarded to the offices of the Authority.

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

YEAS: MR. COATES, MR. CHAVERS, MR. MANGUS, MR. WASCOM, MR. TAYLOR, MR. WATTS, MR. GOFF, MR. ERDEY, MS. SANDEFUR

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on January 9, 2025.

The chair addressed agenda item number 17a, "Livingston Parish Library Board of Control – Ricky Goff Removal/Appointments (multiple)".

The chair called upon Councilman Ricky Goff who explained how he became involved in this issue. He discussed many things that have happened concerning the Library Board and its board members.

It was his recommendation that the Council remove the entire board and replace them with all new members. The other thing that he would also like to ask, as they move on in their meeting, was that the Council take over the responsibilities of the budget.

Public input: Mary Loghbourrow: *resident of Denham Springs, retired teacher, in support of full funding and for the removal of the Library Board members*
Connor LeJeune: *resident of Denham Springs, in support of the removal of board members*
Wade McCallister: *resident of Denham Springs, for the removal of board members*

Amanda Robert: *resident of Denham Springs, opposes the removal of board members*
Ann Harris: *resident of Denham Springs, member of the Suburban Reviewers Book Club, for the removal of board members*
Theresa Dendinger: *resident of Denham Springs, member of the Suburban Reviewers Book Club, for the removal of board members*
Barbara Walker: *resident of Denham Springs, for the removal of board members*
Brian Gunter: *resident of Livingston, pastor of First Baptist Livingston, opposes the removal of board members*
Jackie Marcec: *resident of Walker, in support of removal of board members*
Francine Smith: *resident of Watson, former Library Board member; read a statement from Kathy DeGeneres, former Library Board member*
Jennifer Holden: *resident of French Settlement, opposes board member removal*
Gus Holden: *resident of French Settlement, opposes board member removal*
Wade Holden: *resident of French Settlement, opposes board member removal, suggested removing director*
Cathleen Hyde: *resident of Denham Springs, in support of the removal of board members*
Linnie Sustaita: *resident of Albany, in support of the removal of board members*
John Ballard: *resident of Denham Springs, for the removal of board members*
Donovan Underwood: *resident of Denham Springs, for the removal of board members*
Marla Elsea: *resident of Denham Springs, for the removal of board members*
Abby Crosby: *resident of Livingston, Library Board member*
Rebecca Roberts: *resident of Watson, opposes board member removal*
Linda Glascock: *resident of Livingston, opposes board member removal*
Jordan Gonzales: *resident of Denham Springs, for the removal of board members*
Charles Jenkins: *resident of Denham Springs, in support of the removal of board members*
Niki Thorton: *resident of Denham Springs, for the removal of board members*
Larry Davis: *resident of Livingston, Library Board member*
Diane Onofry: *resident of Albany, in support of the removal of the board members*
Jamey Sandefur: *resident of Denham Springs, opposes members being removed*
Clark Forrest: *former Library Board member*
Trey Cowell: *wants the Council to table this item*
Mandy Jo Pickering: *resident of Watson, in support of the removal of the board members*
Brian Clemmons: *resident of Watson, asked for the Council to defer*
Carla Messina: *resident of Denham Springs, in support of the library*
Tori Hymel: *resident of Watson, Library Board member*
Holly Hughes: *resident of Denham Springs, for the removal of board members*
Bob Seals: *resident of Watson, opposes removing board members*
Samuel Babin: *resident of Watson, advocate for Councilman Billy Taylor*
Anthony Vance: *resident of Council District 3, supports Library board members*
Dewanna Christian: *resident of Livingston, Library Board member*
Orita Hogue: *retired Library employee*

The chair closed public comment and asked the Council clerk to read Councilman Ricky Goff's motion.

The Council clerk stated that Councilman Goff would like to remove the entirety of the board members of the Library Board of Control. The chair stated that the motion was made by Councilman Goff and was seconded by Councilman John Mangus.

The chair addressed the Council members and asked, in an orderly fashion, who would like to speak first?

Councilman Ryan Chavers stated that he wanted to address three (3) things, that first being a comment that had been made earlier about board members associating with Valarie Hodges. He acknowledged his association and past experiences with Senator Hodges and stated that this was a blatant attack on four (4) conservative Library Board of Control members. He advised that he had removed one (1) board member and put a conservative in, and everyone was now up in arms. He stated other examples of board appointments made by Council members that had made everyone upset and indicated that no matter who they put on the board, if it did not go with what the other side of the public wanted, they would then come back at the Council members that they should only adhere to what the other side of the public wanted.

Councilman Chavers reflected on newly elected Governor Jeff Landry's conservative appointments that he had made to his Administration upon taking office. He further stated that they had a conservative Parish Council and was sorry that had upset them. He asserted that he did not mean that their board members were only supposed to be looking out for conservative values, but these were conservative Council members who appointed conservative board members.

Secondly, he wished to address the agenda item that Councilman Goff had sponsored. He acknowledged Councilman Goff's work and involvement with the Library's millages, as well as, his attendance at the Library board's meetings discussing their budget. Councilman Chavers stated that he did not agree with this agenda item because now that the budget has been cut, Councilman Goff desires to wipe the whole board out. He affirmed that he would be keeping his Library board appointment because he respected her and she was new. He continued to advise that he had no problem with the decision that she had made and he respected Larry Davis and the hard work that he had put into it, though some may disagree.

Councilman Chavers stated that it was his hope that the other members of the Council would support him in that appointment because she really was a phenomenal board appointment.

Councilman Dean Coates wished to thank everyone that had attended the meeting and spoke in public input addressing this agenda item. He advised that their comments were well received, however, he also agreed with Councilman Chavers' statements previously made.

He wished to point out that most of the board appointments that were recently made were just that, they were recently made.

Councilman Coates also wanted to call to attention that this Library board had tried to call a special meeting in order to correct the budget. He stated that had not been brought up at that night's Council meeting. He advised that they were rejected to going back into that meeting and were willing to reinstate the budget and they were denied that opportunity. Councilman Coates admonished the members of the audience advising that they needed to take things into consideration, things aren't always as they appear in the arena that they call politics, and to keep that in mind.

He continued to advise that because they are a new board, they needed to use some finesse with that and unite and help the board get through this rough patch that they are in.

Councilwoman Erin Sandefur asserted that there had been propaganda and untruth fed to the public and that was the radical left way and to please stop listening to that. She advised that she had spoken with quite a few of the board members and they have committed to restore the budget. They wished to call for a special meeting but were denied. She explained the difficulties of being a new member of a board and informed Councilman Goff that she did not agree with him when he had singled out others' appointments that he would like to see their appointments remade. She did not think that was fair of him and that the board members deserved a chance to fix this. They want to work on the budget and have been working on it.

She further wanted the record to show that no one has ever said censor or ban, that has not happened and will not happen in a Livingston Parish Library so far as she knew.

She asked if the Parish Council should lift the agenda and amend the Library Board's budget at that time and could they do that? There was a question if they were allowed to lift the agenda.

Councilwoman Sandefur stated that we do want to restore the budget. She further advised that no one wanted to hurt the Library system, they just wanted the sex manuals and the pornography out of the children's section. She also questioned the way that this item was worded on the agenda.

She further stated that she had spoken on the way to that evening's meeting with a colleague on the St. Tammany Parish Council. She advised that there was pending federal litigation for removing a whole Library Board of Control at one time and had the statutes with her that she thought that you could not remove a whole board at one time.

Mr. Brad Cascio, Parish Legal Advisor, answered that he was aware of the new legislation from the most recent session for state law, it allows Parish Councils to remove Library Board members at will, and to his knowledge, this new legislation did not have any limitations as to how many members could be removed at once. It was his opinion, that if a whole board is removed, it would certainly be in best practices to replace them as expediently as possible so the board is not sitting stagnant and unmanned.

Councilwoman Sandefur stated that since there is pending federal litigation on that in St. Tammany Parish, she did not think that it would be prudent for the Council members to just make this move without looking further into that, because they definitely do not want any more lawsuits.

Councilwoman Sandefur advised that she wished to make a motion to indefinitely postpone. Councilman Ryan Chavers seconded her motion.

The chair declared that Councilwoman Sandefur had made a Substitute motion to indefinitely postpone, seconded by Councilman Ryan Chavers and called for the vote.

LPR NO. 25-010

SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made by Erin Sandefur and duly seconded by Ryan Chavers to postpone indefinitely the agenda item numbered 17a, “Livingston Parish Library Board of Control – Ricky Goff: Removal/Appointments (multiple)”.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. COATES, MR. CHAVERS, MR. ERDEY, MS. SANDEFUR

NAYS: MR. MANGUS, MR. WASCOM, MR. TAYLOR, MR. WATTS, MR. GOFF

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had FAILED and was NOT adopted on January 9, 2025.

Councilman John Mangus called the question. The chair acknowledged his request and called for the vote on Councilman Ricky Goff previous motion to remove the entire Library Board of Control.

Councilman Ryan Chavers declared point of information. He posed the question, what if he did not want to keep his board appointment? Or he did? Could he table his individual appointment? A reappointment?

Mr. Cascio stated that the motion was for all of the board members, so there would need to be a substitute motion excluding his board member.

Councilman Chavers clarified that upon the removal of his board appointment, if he wanted to table his appointment or reappointment, could he hold off from their appointment?

The chair stated that it was his understanding that Councilman Chavers would not make one at this point and time. Mr. Cascio further stated that he did not think that it was required that an appointment be made that evening. He wished to recommend to Councilman Chavers that he should not wait much longer. Councilman John Mangus added that the board needed a quorum.

Councilwoman Sandefur questioned how would the Council members get their resumes, letters of recommendation and vet them? She asked have you done that?

Councilman John Mangus advised that he had called the question. The chair called for the vote.

Councilman Joe Erdey requested to speak. He believed that it would be a bad move if the Council white washed the whole board that evening, for two reasons.

He stated that there were a lot of the members that were new, and the Council needed to give the Library board members time to work and correct their mistakes, right away hopefully. He wished for the Council members to look at each board member individually, or give them a chance to work it out and he believed that they would. He agreed with Councilwoman Sandefur’s sentiments that were stated earlier that they would get this straight and work it out. He contended that it was not as bad as it seemed and that there was a lot of people who had said a lot of things that evening. He asserted to white wash this board would be a major mistake.

The chair called for the vote.

LPR NO. 25-011

MOTION was made by Ricky Goff and duly seconded by John Mangus to remove the entirety, being all members, of the Livingston Parish Library Board of Control as follows:

Council District 1: Ronnie Bencaz

Council District 2: Tori Hymel

Council District 3: Vacant

Council District 4: Jennifer Dorhauer
Council District 5: Larry Davis
Council District 6: Abby Crosby
Council District 7: Steve Bernard
Council District 8: Dewanna Christian
Council District 9: Summer Smith

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. MANGUS, MR. WASCOM, MR. TAYLOR, MR. WATTS, MR. GOFF
NAYS: MR. COATES, MR. CHAVERS, MR. ERDEY, MS. SANDEFUR
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on January 9, 2025.

The chair stated that he would be going down the line of the Council members and requested that they each state who they were recommending for their Library Board for appointments. He then called upon Councilman Lonnie Watts, Councilman of Council District 1.

Councilman Watts stated that he wished to appoint Ms. Becky Howze Morgan.

LPR NO. 25-012

MOTION was offered by Lonnie Watts and duly seconded by John Mangus to appoint Rebecca “Becky” Howze Morgan (Council District 1) to the Livingston Parish Library Board of Control to fill the remainder of the vacated five (5) year term; said appointment will expire on June 30, 2028.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. COATES, MR. CHAVERS, MR. MANGUS, MR. WASCOM, MR. TAYLOR,
MR. WATTS, MR. GOFF, MR. ERDEY, MS. SANDEFUR
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on January 9, 2025.

The chair called for the Library Board of Control board member appointment for Council District No. 2.

LPR NO. 25-013

MOTION was offered by Ryan Chavers and duly seconded by John Mangus to appoint Tori Hymel (Council District 2) to the Livingston Parish Library Board of Control to fill the remainder of the vacated five (5) year term of Council District 2; said appointment will expire on June 30, 2027.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. COATES, MR. CHAVERS, MR. MANGUS, MR. WASCOM, MR. TAYLOR,
MR. WATTS, MR. GOFF, MR. ERDEY, MS. SANDEFUR
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on January 9, 2025.

The chair called for the Library Board of Control board member appointment for Council District No. 3.

LPR NO. 25-014

MOTION was offered by John Wascom and duly seconded by John Mangus to appoint Rodlyn Hammond (Council District 3) to the Livingston Parish Library Board of Control to fill

the remainder of the vacated five (5) year term of Council District 3; said appointment will expire on June 30, 2027.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. COATES, MR. CHAVERS, MR. MANGUS, MR. WASCOM, MR. TAYLOR,
MR. WATTS, MR. GOFF, MR. ERDEY, MS. SANDEFUR

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on January 9, 2025.

The chair called for the Library Board of Control board member appointment for Council District No. 4.

LPR NO. 25-015

MOTION was offered by John Wascom and duly seconded by Ricky Goff to appoint Jennifer Dorhauer (Council District 4) to the Livingston Parish Library Board of Control to fill the remainder of the vacated five (5) year term of Council District 4; said appointment will expire on June 30, 2027.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. COATES, MR. CHAVERS, MR. MANGUS, MR. WASCOM, MR. TAYLOR,
MR. WATTS, MR. GOFF, MR. ERDEY, MS. SANDEFUR

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on January 9, 2025.

The chair called for the Library Board of Control board member appointment for Council District No. 5.

Councilwoman Erin Sandefur stated that it was state law that the Council members should be naming these appointments, when their expiration dates are, and how long their terms are and they have to be staggered. She stated that she was really uncomfortable and did not want to deny anybody, but do they have resumes? She stated that she did not even know what she was looking at.

The chair stated that he was the only person that did not have an appointment on this board, and offered to put a stagger of one (1) year on his appointment.

Councilman Ricky Goff wished to question if it would be appropriate to just allow them to finish out whatever term is on each individual ones that they are now?

Mr. Brad Cascio, Parish Legal Counsel, reiterated that what Councilman Goff was asking, was if the new appointments finish out the expired term of the previous appointment?

Councilman Goff advised that it would be his suggestion that as the appointments are done for Council Districts 1 through 9, that whatever their remaining time frame is, is what they serve as their expiration.

The chair advised that is what the Council does now whenever they remove board members and put new ones on, they finish the existing term that was there.

Councilman Ryan Chavers asked Mr. Cascio to confirm that what they were doing by removing a whole board was legal?

Mr. Cascio advised that this was brand new state legislation. Councilman Chavers questioned if they were allowed to remove the whole board? Mr. Cascio counselled that there was nothing in the state legislation that was passed enabling you to remove board members at will from the Library Board that specifically prohibits it. He further directed that is something that a court may interpret later down the road.

Councilman Chavers stated that as he read this lawsuit, he found it very ironic that they as a Council in the beginning of this year were getting accused of getting themselves in lawsuits if they did not follow the law and he did not feel comfortable doing it.

Councilman Goff advised that in reference to the lawsuit, he had not been attributed, he had not read it, but it sounded like to him that this particular lawsuit is prior to the legislation that was passed in the state. He further directed that the state gave them the ability to change any board member at any time at will, but previously to that, they should have had cause and cause to remove someone unless they had finished out their term.

Councilwoman Sandefur stated that the new state law just says that you can remove at will, but you've got to go back to Revised Statute 33:14/15, Section (A) and Section (C). She advised that it was a lot of legal speak, but the tail end of it says, however, no Parish or municipal authority shall abolish any entity pursuant to this subsection if the creation of that entity if required by law, and it is required by law to create the Library Board.

Mr. Cascio counselled that that by removing board members, the Council was not abolishing the entity, the Library Board still exists, it is just the seats are being replaced.

Councilwoman Sandefur brought up her knowledge of the federal lawsuit, to which Mr. Cascio stated that he wished that had been brought to his attention so he would have had time to review it.

Councilwoman Sandefur questioned if it would be prudent for the Council to table this whole thing until they know better because it is in federal court? Mr. Cascio questioned if the matter had been decided yet? She advised that it had not, she had just spoke with the St. Tammany Parish councilman on the way to the meeting and to confirm it and he had advised that it absolutely was still in litigation.

Councilman Dean Coates questioned Mr. Cascio how did this correlate to what happened to Mr. Erdey, because they were involved in a lawsuit with that and they were told that the agenda item was not specific enough. He stated that when he looked at this agenda item, it seemed to be less specific than what Mr. Erdey's was.

Mr. Cascio stated that it was his understanding that this was new state legislation that allows Library Board members to be removed at will, whereas with the Tourism Board, that is not the case.

Councilman Coates contended that it was an Open Meetings law violation because of the way that the agenda item was stated and Judge Ricks came back and said that the agenda item was not specific enough because no one knew who was being removed.

Mr. Cascio advised that he did not handle that case and could not tell him the specifics about it.

Councilman Chavers asked Councilman Goff if they could please table this? Councilman Goff advised that he thought that they were far enough into it and was not sure with the specifics of the other lawsuit. He further stated that he felt that they were perfectly within their grounds upon his research and the attorneys that he had spoken with.

Councilman Goff advised that nevertheless, this is how much of a controversy that this board and everything surrounding it has become. He stated that he had seen this board, on more that one occasion, not being able to reach across the line or be able to do what was needed, and with that being said, he felt that the Council needed to go ahead and move forward. He stated that the answer to Councilman Chavers' question was to just move forward and submitted his reasons why.

The chair called upon Councilwoman Sandefur to name her appointment.

LPR NO. 25-016

MOTION was offered by Erin Sandefur and duly seconded by Dean Coates to appoint Larry Davis (Council District 5) to the Livingston Parish Library Board of Control to fill the remainder of the vacated five (5) year term of Council District 5; said appointment will expire on June 30, 2026.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. COATES, MR. CHAVERS, MR. ERDEY, MS. SANDEFUR

NAYS: MR. MANGUS, MR. WASCOM, MR. TAYLOR, MR. WATTS, MR. GOFF

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had FAILED and was NOT adopted on January 9, 2025.

The chair called for the Library Board of Control board member appointment for Council District No. 6.

Councilwoman Erin Sandefur questioned how could they vote without knowing these people? She stated that she didn't understand.

Councilman Lonnie Watts responded and advised that he thought that they knew these people and that they would not be appointing them if they did not know them. She asked if he had their resume? Did he have letters of recommendation?

Councilman Watts advised that his appointment was a retired librarian with the school system and a gifted teacher.

Councilman John Mangus stated that he had his appointment's resume. She was a retired principal, state principal of the year, state teacher of the year in science and had a PhD.

LPR NO. 25-017

MOTION was offered by John Mangus and duly seconded by Ricky Goff to appoint Sheila Goins (Council District 6) to the Livingston Parish Library Board of Control to fill the remainder of the vacated five (5) year term of Council District 6; said appointment will expire on June 30, 2028.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. CHAVERS, MR. MANGUS, MR. WASCOM, MR. TAYLOR, MR. WATTS,
MR. GOFF, MS. SANDEFUR

NAYS: MR. COATES, MR. ERDEY

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on January 9, 2025.

*** Councilman Ryan Chavers had originally vote "Nay", but asked in the spirit of good faith, he wished to change his vote to "Yes". ***

The chair called for the Library Board of Control board member appointment for Council District No. 7.

LPR NO. 25-018

MOTION was offered by Ricky Goff and duly seconded by John Mangus to appoint Patricia Wilson (Council District 7) to the Livingston Parish Library Board of Control to fill the remainder of the vacated five (5) year term of Council District 7; said appointment will expire on June 30, 2028.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. COATES, MR. CHAVERS, MR. MANGUS, MR. WASCOM, MR. TAYLOR,
MR. WATTS, MR. GOFF, MR. ERDEY, MS. SANDEFUR

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on January 9, 2025.

The chair called for the Library Board of Control board member appointment for Council District No. 8.

LPR NO. 25-019

MOTION was offered by Dean Coates and duly seconded by Joe Erdey to appoint Dewanna Christian (Council District 8) to the Livingston Parish Library Board of Control to fill

the remainder of the vacated five (5) year term of Council District 8; said appointment will expire on June 30, 2029.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. COATES, MR. CHAVERS, MR. MANGUS, MR. ERDEY, MS. SANDEFUR

NAYS: MR. WASCOM, MR. TAYLOR, MR. WATTS, MR. GOFF

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on January 9, 2025.

The chair called for the Library Board of Control board member appointment for Council District No. 9.

LPR NO. 25-020

MOTION was offered by Joe Erdey and duly seconded by Dean Coates to appoint Summer Smith (Council District 9) to the Livingston Parish Library Board of Control to fill the remainder of the vacated five (5) year term of Council District 9; said appointment will expire on June 30, 2025.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. COATES, MR. CHAVERS, MR. ERDEY, MS. SANDEFUR

NAYS: MR. MANGUS, MR. WASCOM, MR. TAYLOR, MR. WATTS, MR. GOFF

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had FAILED and was NOT adopted on January 9, 2025.

The chair asked if Councilman Erdey had another appointment that he wished to make. Councilman Erdey stated that he did not at that time.

The chair moved to the next agenda item.

The chair addressed agenda item number 18a, "Committee Report(s): Finance Committee", and called upon Councilman John Mangus, Finance committee chairman.

Councilman Mangus advised that the committee had not met.

The chair addressed agenda item number 20b, "Committee Report(s): Ordinance Committee: Recommendation(s) of Ordinance introduction(s)".

Councilman Coates stated that they did not meet during this time frame.

The chair addressed agenda item number 21, "District Attorney's Report".

The chair called upon Mr. Brad Cascio, Parish Legal Advisor, who advised that he did not have anything to report at that time.

Before adjournment, Councilman Dean Coates wished to acknowledge that the Child Advocacy Services had asked that everyone on January 13th please wear blue in support of human trafficking awareness. He also wished to recognize all of their law enforcement officers that keep them safe because it was law enforcement appreciation day.

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was requested until they would meet again at the next regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council scheduled on Thursday, January 23, 2025 at the hour of six o'clock (6:00) p.m. in Livingston, Louisiana.

LPR NO. 25-021

MOTION was offered by John Mangus and duly seconded by John Wascom to adjourn the January 9, 2025 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. COATES, MR. CHAVERS, MR. MANGUS, MR. WASCOM, MR. TAYLOR,
MR. WATTS, MR. GOFF, MR. ERDEY, MS. SANDEFUR

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had been carried and was adopted and that the meeting was adjourned.

\s\ Sandy C. Teal

Sandy C. Teal, Council clerk

\s\ Billy Taylor

Billy Taylor, Council chairman

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