

MINUTES

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

GOVERNMENT BUILDING

880 North Alexander Avenue, Port Allen

Thursday, May 28, 2026

5:30 PM

The Following Minutes Are Summarized For Brevity, For Precise Meeting Information Please Refer To Meeting Audio Or Video.

1.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER & REQUEST ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES BE SILENCED

A Regular Meeting of the West Baton Rouge Parish Council was held on Thursday, May 28, 2026 and called to order at 05:30 PM. Council Chairman Carey Denstel asked that all electronic devices be placed on silent.
2.

OPENING PRAYER

Vice Chairman Alan Crowe led everyone in an opening prayer.
3.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Denstel recognized Mrs. Michelle Tullier, Council Clerk, who led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4.

LOG ATTENDANCE

The following members were recorded as being present: Messrs. Daryl "Turf" Babin, Brady Hotard, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Gary Joseph, and Mrs. Katherine Andre.

Absent: Messrs. Kirk Allain, Atley Walker.

Also present were, Mr. Jason Manola, Parish President, Mr. Phillip Bourgoyne, Executive Assistant, Mr. Chance Stephens, Director of Finance, Mr. Brandon Bourgoyne, Director of Public Works, Ms. Kristen Canezaro, Special Legal Counsel, and Mrs. Michelle Tullier, Council Clerk.
5.

MINUTES APPROVAL

A.

Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting of May 14, 2026.

The Chairman asked if there was any comments from the Council or the public, but there were none.

A motion was made by Council Member Daryl "Turf" Babin, seconded by Council Member Kenneth Gordon to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of May 14, 2026.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS:7(Daryl "Turf" Babin, Brady Hotard, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Katherine Andre, Gary Joseph)

NAYS:0(None)

ABSENT:2(Kirk Allain, Atley Walker)

ABSTAIN:0(None)

As a result of the votes, the motion Passed.

6.

CONSIDER ANY AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no items to consider at this time.

7.

PARISH PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Parish President Jason Manola was recognized and covered the following items: Legislative Session update; ITEP Program update; Recent meeting with local farmers on drainage issues; Recent COA event in Erwinville.

8.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - (15MINUTE TIME ALLOTMENT)

Mr. Phil Canova was recognized and introduced himself along with his recently published book about Iberville, named "A Sleepy Town Awakens". Mr. Canova gave a brief overview of the history in the book and offered to answer any questions.

9. **COMMUNICATIONS WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS AND/OR ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

Mr. Chance Stephens was recognized and gave the updated Year to Date Revenues and Expenses of the Parish and offered to answer any questions. Said numbers are located at the end of these minutes.

Mr. Phillip Bourgoyne gave an update on the recent work of the Roads and Drainage departments.

Chairman Denstel commented on the great job on Woodland Court by the drainage department.

10. **CONSIDER STATUS REPORT, CHANGE ORDER AND/OR OTHER MATTERS AS REQUIRED ON CURRENT PROJECTS**

There were no items to consider at this time.

11. **PUBLIC HEARING ON PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED ORDINANCES**

There were no items to consider at this time.

12. **RESOLUTIONS**

There were no items to consider at this time.

13. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Consider Adoption of the Updated WBR Parish Government Employee Handbook**

Mr. Chance Stephens was again recognized and explained the reasons why the proposed changes need to be made in the WBR Parish Employee handbook and offered to answer any questions. There were no questions or comments from the Council and no comments from the public.

A motion was made by Council Member Brady Hotard, seconded by Council Member Katherine Andre to approve Adoption of the Updated WBR Parish Government Employee Handbook.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 7 (Daryl "Turf" Babin, Brady Hotard, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Katherine Andre, Gary Joseph)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 2 (Kirk Allain, Atley Walker)

ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes, the motion Passed.

B. **Consider Approval of Bid Recommendation for A 2026 HMC SP-50 Or Comparable Pile Driver**

Mr. Phillip Bourgoyne was again recognized and asked that the Council approve the bid recommendation of \$156,000 for the New HMC SP-50 Pile Driver from Crawler Supply in Baton Rouge, La. There were no questions or comments from the Council or public.

A motion was made by Council Member Daryl "Turf" Babin, seconded by Council Member Brady Hotard to approve Bid Recommendation from Carwler Supply of Baton Rougefor \$156,000 dollars for A New 2026 HMC SP-50 Or Comparable Pile Driver,.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 7 (Daryl "Turf" Babin, Brady Hotard, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Katherine Andre, Gary Joseph)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 2 (Kirk Allain, Atley Walker)

ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes, the motion Passed.

14. **CONSIDER SUBDIVISION PLATS, CONDEMNATIONS, WAIVERS AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

There were no items to consider at this time.

15. **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

Mrs. Tullier, Council Clerk read by title the below proposed ordinance/s being introduced and publicized by title, and considered for adoption following a public hearing as specified below, at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers, located at 880 North Alexander Avenue, Port Allen, La.:

- A. An Ordinance Adopting the 2026 Council Amendments to the Fire State Outlay Budgeted Revenues And Expenditures And the General Fund Expenditures for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026. Public Hearing Date: June 11, 2026

16. ALCOHOL PERMITS

- A. Consider Approval of Alcohol Permit for DG Louisiana LLC dba Dollar General #10933 Located at 13036 Highway 190, Erwinville, La 70729. Applying for Class B, package liquor license.

Mrs. Tullier explained the aforementioned establishment has met all the requirements of the WBR Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6 Alcoholic Beverages. There were no questions from the Council and no comments from the public.

A motion was made by Council Member Brady Hotard, seconded by Council Member Katherine Andre to approve the Alcohol Permit for DG Louisiana LLC dba Dollar General #10933 Located at 13036 Highway 190, Erwinville, La 70729. Applying for Class B, package liquor license.

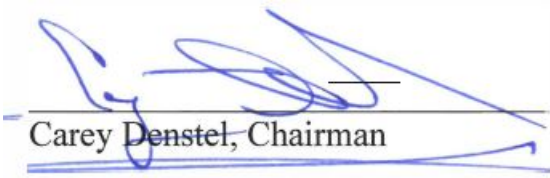
The vote was recorded as follows:
YEAS: 7 (Daryl "Turf" Babin, Brady Hotard, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Katherine Andre, Gary Joseph)
NAYS: 0 (None)
ABSENT: 2 (Kirk Allain, Atley Walker)
ABSTAIN: 0 (None)
As a result of the votes, the motion Passed.

17. CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

Correspondence Report from Council Clerk, Mrs. Michelle Tullier included the following items:
•Planning & Zoning Meeting Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 5:30pm;
•Council Meeting Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 5:30pm.

18. ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chairman Alan Crowe and was adopted by acclamation at 05:46 PM.


Carey Denstel, Chairman


Michelle Z. Tullier, Council Clerk

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GENERAL FUND COMPARISON				9 OF 26 PAY PERIODS	35%	
	CURRENT YEAR			PRIOR YEAR		
ACCOUNT	REVENUE	BUDGETED	% REVENUE	REVENUE	BUDGETED	% REVENUE
NAME	4/30/2026	REVENUE	COLLECTED	4/30/2026	REVENUE	COLLECTED
AD VALOREM	2,617,054.00	\$2,604,800.00	100.47%	2,354,662.00	\$2,488,200.00	94.63%
SALES TAX(COMBINED)	3,074,437.00	10,248,092.00	30.00%	3,117,098.00	10,262,905.00	30.37%
ALCOHOL TAX	10,352.00	26,000.00	39.82%	11,267.00	26,000.00	43.33%
OCCUPATIONAL	849,688.00	1,150,000.0	73.89%	984,251.00	1,100,000.00	89.48%

LICENSES		0				
BUILDING PERMITS	12,339.00	150,000.00	8.23%	18,424.00	130,000.00	14.17%
HMPG GRANT	0.00	1,376,375.00	0.00%	0.00	84,398.00	0.00%
WATER ENRICHMENT	0.00	195,000.00	0.00%	0.00	50,000.00	0.00%
STATE REVENUE SHARING	33,301.00	49,000.00	67.96%	15,898.00	49,000.00	32.44%
SEVERENCE TAX - TIMBER	0.00	10,000.00	0.00%	5,504.00	6,000.00	91.73%
CITY COURT COST, FEES	66,288.00	70,000.00	94.70%	63,742.00	40,000.00	159.36%
CIVIL COURT FEES	128.50	15,000.00	0.86%	8,954.00	15,000.00	59.69%
ZONING & SUB FEES	-375.00	10,000.00	-3.75%	2,341.00	10,000.00	23.41%
CONTRACTOR REG.	6,300.00	40,000.00	15.75%	19,600.00	40,000.00	49.00%
SALE OF MAPS	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00%
SALE OF SCRAP	0.00	0.00	0.00%	461.43	0.00	0.00%
MOTOR VEHICLE LIC FEES	10,875.00	32,000.00	33.98%	8,700.00	32,000.00	27.19%
SOLID WASTE COLLECTION	976,630.00	3,070,187.00	31.81%	1,203,034.00	2,884,560.00	41.71%
GRASS CUTTINGS	0.00	15,000.00	0.00%	4,741.00	20,000.00	23.71%
ANIMAL CONTROL FEES	174,872.00	250,000.00	69.95%	93,308.00	250,000.00	37.32%
CORONER	0.00	4,800.00	0.00%	0.00	4,800.00	0.00%
KEEP WBR BEAUTIFUL	39,091.00	80,000.00	48.86%	34,704.00	75,000.00	46.27%
INTEREST EARNINGS	397,992.00	1,100,000.00	36.18%	446,964.00	825,000.00	54.18%
RENTAL & FRANCHISE INCOME	54,066.00	131,600.00	41.08%	59,941.00	176,600.00	33.94%
SALES AT AUCTION	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00%
TRANS FROM OTHER FUND	0.00	214,589.00	0.00%	0.00	214,589.00	0.00%
MISCELLANEOUS	1,765.00	1,000.00	176.50%	637.00	2,000.00	31.85%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$8,324,803.50	\$20,843,443.00	39.94%	\$8,454,231.43	\$18,786,052.00	45.00%
	2026	2025	DIFFERENCE			
REVENUES	\$8,324,803.50	\$8,454,231.43	- \$129,427.93			

	CURRENT YEAR			PRIOR YEAR		
ACCOUNT	EXPENSES AS	BUDGETED	%	EXPENSES AS	BUDGETED	%
NAME	4/30/2026	EXPENSES	EXPENSE D	4/30/2025	EXPENSES	EXPENSE D
OPERATING EXPENSES						
LEGISLATURE	187,190.00	\$540,000.00	34.66%	148,194.00	\$569,499.00	26.02%
JUDGES	117,915.00	353,076.00	33.40%	125,669.00	370,011.00	33.96%
DISTRICT ATTN	11,094.00	35,338.00	31.39%	13,628.00	27,066.00	50.35%
CLERK OF CRT	5,512.00	16,000.00	34.45%	5,555.00	29,500.00	18.83%
CORONER	152,919.00	610,534.00	25.05%	178,963.00	547,647.00	32.68%
CITY/WARD COURT	40,033.00	129,102.00	31.01%	39,795.00	125,555.00	31.70%
REGISTRAR	95,903.00	297,342.00	32.25%	78,280.00	284,726.00	27.49%
ELECTIONS	23,178.00	48,000.00	48.29%	5,669.00	48,000.00	11.81%
GEN. ADM.	772,485.00	1,862,784.00	41.47%	572,779.00	1,923,108.00	29.78%
INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY	220,160.00	690,677.00	31.88%	135,158.00	703,154.00	19.22%
PLANNING/ZONING	238,561.00	722,780.00	33.01%	206,648.00	718,128.00	28.78%
GOV. BUILDINGS	872,279.00	2,431,853.00	35.87%	915,457.00	2,351,330.00	38.93%
SHERIFF	2,142.00	37,000.00	5.79%	2,074.00	37,000.00	5.61%
CIVIL DEFENSE	63,317.00	181,839.00	34.82%	60,216.00	183,020.00	32.90%
ENGINEERING	110,009.00	294,317.00	37.38%	114,852.00	287,134.00	40.00%
FLOOD MAPS	93,583.00	117,000.00	79.99%	10,654.00	276,398.00	0.00%
AMBULANCE SERV.	2,400.00	7,200.00	33.33%	2,400.00	7,200.00	33.33%
ANIMAL IMPOUND	262,118.00	647,860.00	40.46%	185,324.00	572,021.00	32.40%
GARBAGE COLL.	1,025,385.00	3,057,187.00	33.54%	953,904.00	2,863,140.00	33.32%
MOSQUITO SPRAYING	190,038.00	593,296.00	32.03%	177,491.00	602,344.00	29.47%
PAUPER FUNERAL	2,750.00	10,000.00	27.50%	2,750.00	10,000.00	27.50%
WEED CUTTING & DEMOLITIONS	35,696.00	86,000.00	41.51%	27,795.00	76,000.00	36.57%

LITTER ABATEMENT	33,946.00	154,208.00	22.01%	30,089.00	146,068.00	20.60%
FOOD PANTRY - ERWINVILLE	14,957.00	46,943.00	31.86%	12,674.00	45,133.00	28.08%
FARM AGENT	31,916.00	83,000.00	38.45%	29,363.00	75,000.00	39.15%
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$4,605,486.00	\$13,053,336.00	35.28%	\$4,035,381.00	\$12,878,182.00	31.34%
GRANTS TO OUTSIDE AGENCIES						
VETRANS AFFAIRS	1,782.00	4,924.00	36.19%	1,588.00	4,924.00	32.25%
FOOD BANK	0.00	2,500.00	0.00%	0.00	2,500.00	0.00%
UPPER DELTA SOIL CONS.	3,600.00	3,600.00	100.00%	0.00	3,600.00	0.00%
PU GARBAGE SALARY	0.00	9,500.00	0.00%	0.00	9,500.00	0.00%
W.B.R.P. CHAMBER OF COMM.	0.00	75,000.00	0.00%	75,000.00	75,000.00	100.00%
CASA	584.00	1,500.00	38.93%	584.00	1,392.00	41.95%
TOTAL OUTSIDE GRANTS	5,966.00	97,024.00	6.15%	77,172.00	95,524.00	80.79%
OPERATING TRANSFERS	854,622.00	2,225,574.00	38.40%	690,414.00	2,000,121.00	34.52%
CAPITAL OUTLAY TRANSFERS	719,652.00	21,714,747.00	3.31%	490,170.00	22,927,521.00	2.14%
SINKING FUND TRANSFERS	338,035.00	322,428.00	104.84%	147,540.00	280,278.00	52.64%
VIDEO POKER TRANSFERS	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00%
TOTAL G. F. EXPENDITURES	\$6,523,761.00	\$37,413,109.00	17.44%	\$5,440,677.00	\$38,181,626.00	14.25%
	2026	2025				
REVENUES	\$5,352,871.50	\$5,523,759.00				
EXPENSES	\$6,523,761.00	\$5,440,677.00				

			BUDGET TO ACTUAL COMPARISON				
			OTHER FUNDS				
	9 OF 26 PAY PERIODS		CURRENT YEAR / PRIOR YEAR				
	35%						
		CURRENT YEAR			PRIOR YEAR		
		REVENUE	BUDGETED	%	REVENUE	BUDGETED	%
FUND #	NAME	4/30/2026	REVENUE	RECEIVED	4/30/2025	REVENUE	RECEIVED
004	ROADS	1,056,187.00	2,965,074.00	35.62%	1,399,777.00	3,223,521.00	43.42%
006	HEALTH UNIT	849,439.00	871,000.00	97.52%	661,777.00	881,000.00	75.12%
008	RECREATION	3,079,457.00	3,334,500.00	92.35%	3,393,064.00	3,786,000.00	89.62%
010	DRAINAGE	4,731,436.00	4,912,000.00	96.32%	4,696,773.00	5,080,000.00	92.46%
015	ENHANCED 911	147,943.00	400,850.00	36.91%	152,600.00	406,850.00	37.51%
016	JUVENILLE DETENT	15,049.00	32,000.00	47.03%	14,310.00	32,000.00	44.72%
017	CR. COURT	136,654.00	370,000.00	36.93%	146,239.00	350,000.00	41.78%
023	DETENTION CENTER	2,465,129.00	8,946,978.00	27.55%	2,770,464.00	8,269,159.00	33.50%
030	COMM. CTR NEW	1,545,640.00	1,752,000.00	88.22%	2,288,879.00	2,587,000.00	88.48%
038	CENTRAL	1,535,790.00	1,640,000.00	93.65%	1,534,448.00	1,695,000.00	90.53%

	COMM						
300	FIRE DEPARTMENT	2,170,009.00	6,419,662.00	33.80%	1,940,619.00	5,886,159.00	32.97%
301	PUBLIC UTILITIES	3,591,270.00	8,213,400.00	43.72%	2,958,782.00	8,203,400.00	36.07%
FUND TOTALS		\$21,324,003.00	\$39,857,464.00	53.50%	\$21,957,732.00	\$40,400,089.00	54.35%
		CURRENT YEAR			PRIOR YEAR		
		DISBURSMENTS	BUDGETED	%	DISBURSMENTS	BUDGETED	%
FUND #	NAME	4/30/2026	DISBURSMENTS	EXPENDED	4/30/2025	DISBURSMENTS	EXPENDED
004	ROADS	1,071,056.00	2,965,075.00	36.12%	1,503,414.00	3,323,522.00	45.24%
006	HEALTH UNIT	315,782.00	1,068,596.00	29.55%	322,517.00	1,088,841.00	29.62%
008	RECREATION	2,441,765.00	4,441,250.00	54.98%	1,073,679.00	3,509,287.00	30.60%
010	DRAINAGE	1,194,521.00	4,804,328.00	24.86%	1,524,152.00	5,338,469.00	28.55%
015	ENHANCED 911	114,833.00	361,574.00	31.76%	72,442.00	566,789.00	12.78%
016	JUVENILLE DETENT	31,887.00	150,000.00	21.26%	39,880.00	330,000.00	12.08%
017	CR. COURT	77,402.00	139,000.00	55.68%	62,428.00	151,300.00	41.26%
023	DETENTION CENTER	4,468,623.00	10,999,596.00	40.63%	2,851,726.00	10,399,209.00	27.42%
030	COMM. CTR NEW	735,020.00	2,196,004.00	33.47%	661,342.00	2,271,757.00	29.11%
038	CENTRAL COMM	626,323.00	1,839,098.00	34.06%	524,641.00	1,999,499.00	26.24%
300	FIRE DEPARTMENT	3,436,382.00	7,178,441.00	47.87%	2,051,040.00	7,393,595.00	27.74%
301	PUBLIC UTILITIES	3,307,884.00	8,461,235.00	39.09%	3,259,589.00	9,351,895.00	34.85%
FUND TOTALS		\$17,821,478.00	\$44,604,197.00	39.95%	\$13,946,850.00	\$45,724,163.00	30.50%

	2026	2025
REVENUE	\$21,324,003.00	\$21,957,732.00
DISBURSMENTS	\$17,821,478.00	\$13,946,850.00

