

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION'S
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
HELD ON THE 2nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2025

The Caddo Parish Natural Resources Committee met in legal session on the above date at 2:00 p.m. in the Government Plaza Chambers, with the following members were present constituting a quorum: Commissioners Blake, Burrell, Epperson, Kracman, and Lazarus (5). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and J. Young (2).

The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were given during a previous committee meeting. There were no Agenda Additions nor Public Comments, so the Committee moved onto New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

- *Discuss potential Apex Drilling site at former Shreveport Country Club*

The discussion focused on Apex's acquisition of drilling rights previously held by Paloma Natural Gas at the Shreveport Country Club. Mr. Burrell reported community concerns about potential disruption, dust, truck traffic, and neighborhood impact. A letter from Apex stated there was no community opposition, but the residents are disputing this. A state hearing is scheduled for September 3, and Mr. Burrell has sought support from Senator Jenkins' office. The committee emphasized the need for transparency, resident protection, and monitoring of any development at the site.

- *Discuss Louisiana Department of Energy & Natural Resources proposed regulations governing the decommissioning and required financial security for solar power generation facilities*

The Louisiana Department of Energy & Natural Resources is proposing statewide regulations governing solar farms (10+ acres). Provisions include permitting, advance notice to neighbors, financial security/escrow for decommissioning, and mandatory land restoration once facilities are no longer active. The committee discussed potential impacts, both positive (economic opportunity for landowners) and negative (aesthetic concerns, land use, noise, and environmental impact). The deadline for the Commission to comment to the LA Department of Energy & Natural Resources is September 9; a public hearing is tentatively set for September 26 in Baton Rouge.

Mrs. Blake requested that a representative from the LA Department of Natural Resources and the Police Jury Association be invited to attend a meeting to provide further clarification on the matter.

Mr. Kracman noted the existing solar farms in his district and stressed the importance of state rules requiring cleanup and land restoration.

- *General discussion related to Natural Resources related concerns or development in Caddo Parish*

Mr. Epperson reported noise complaints in Greenwood from drilling activity. He also mentioned that monitoring within the city limits of Shreveport is handled by the city.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.



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