

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION'S
PROPERTY STANDARDS HEARING COMMITTEE
HELD ON THE 21st DAY OF JANUARY 2025

The Caddo Parish Property Standards Committee met in legal session on the above date at 2:00 p.m., in the Government Plaza Chambers, with Mr. Lazarus, presiding, and the following members in attendance: Commissioners Epperson, Gage-Watts Kracman, Lazarus, and J. Young (5). ABSENT: Commissioner Burrell (1).

The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were given during a previous committee meeting. There being no Agenda Additions nor Citizens Comments, the Committee moved to New Business. T

The Clerk of the Commission, Mr. Jeff Everson, reminded the committee members that each motion needs to include the Committee's recommendation to the full body, as well as, the inclusion of all testimony and documentation into the permanent record. He administered the Oath.

NEW BUSINESS

- Case No. 1—0 Dansby Road, Shreveport, LA 71107

Mr. Chuck Wilson stated that the property has a dilapidated house and is open to the elements. The property has five inoperable vehicles parked throughout it, as well as, junk, trash and other overgrown vegetation creating a possible health and safety hazard for the neighbors. Proper notifications have been sent, and it was published in the Official Journal.

Mr. Wilson also mentioned that the Property Standards Boards gave an extension of sixty days to clean up the property on September 3, 2024, but nothing has been done since.

The property owner was not in attendance today.

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *that the recommendation to accept all documents with regards to this case and to demolish the property and place a lien on it be forwarded to the full body.* Motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Burrell being absent.

- Case No. 2—119 Barlow Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71106

Mr. Chuck Wilson stated that the property has a dilapidated house that is falling apart. The structure is open to the elements, and has overgrowth of grass and weeds creating a possible health and safety hazard for the neighbors. The house is uninhabitable, so no one lives in it. There is also junk on the property and five inoperable cars. Proper notifications have been sent, and it was published in the Official Journal.

The property owners were not in attendance today.

It was **moved by Mr. J. Young**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that the recommendation to accept all documents with regards to this case and to demolish the property and place a lien on it be forwarded to the full body.* Motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Burrell being absent.

- Case No. 3—129 Spilker Ave, Shreveport, LA 71106

Mr. Chuck Wilson stated that the property has two dilapidated structures on the property. The structures are open to the elements, and has overgrowth of grass and weeds creating a possible health and safety hazard for the neighbors. Proper notifications have been sent, and it was published in the Official Journal.

The property owners were not in attendance today.

It was **moved by Mr. J. Young**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *that the recommendation to accept all documents with regards to this case and to demolish the property and place a lien on it be forwarded to the full body.* Motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Burrell being absent.

- Case No. 4—8930 Lake End Road, Mooringsport, LA 71060

Mr. Chuck Wilson stated that the property has parts of a dilapidated old mobile home structure and building that were falling apart. The structures have been torn apart and pieces are laying around the property. It also has a numerous inoperable vehicles, lots of junk and debris all over the property creating a possible health and safety hazard for the neighbors.

Mr. Connor presented ongoing cleanup photo with a dumpster onsite. There are legal constraints due to succession that is prohibiting the removal of the vehicles. He is asking for additional time.

Ms. Fulgium, property owner's daughter, said that she has been trying to help Connor as much as possible, but they have their hands tied due to the succession.

It was **moved by Mr. J. Young** seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to postpone this for six months due to notice and ownership issues in open succession.*

Mr. Epperson asked about the vehicles on the property. Mr. Connor said that the remaining vehicles will go to an estate sale.

Mr. G. Young had questions regarding the open succession and the Parish's authority to move forward. Attorney Bernstein explained that the notices would need to be sent to the Administrator of the succession.

At this time, Mr. J. Young's motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Burrell being absent.

- Case No. 5—6850 N. Colony Road, Shreveport, LA 71107

Mr. Chuck Wilson stated that the property has two dilapidated houses that are falling apart. One structure is an old doublewide that has been torn apart and laying in a huge pile. The other trailer is behind that pile and falling apart and open to the elements. It also has numerous piles of junk and debris all over the property creating a possible health and safety hazards for the neighbors. The house is uninhabitable, so no one lives in it. Proper notifications have been sent, and it was published in the Official Journal.

The property owners were not in attendance.

It was **moved by Mr. J. Young**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *that the recommendation to accept all documents with regards to this case and to demolish the property and place a lien on it be forwarded to the full body.* Motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Burrell being absent.

- Case No. 6—3404 Riviera, Shreveport, LA 71107

Mr. Chuck Wilson stated that the property has a dilapidated house hat is falling apart. The structure is open to the elements, and has overgrowth of grass and weeds creating a possible health and safety hazard for the neighbors. The house is uninhabitable, so no one lives in it. Proper notifications have been sent, and it was published in the Official Journal.

The property owners were not in attendance.

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr J. Young, *that the recommendation to accept all documents with regards to this case and to demolish the property and place a lien on it be forwarded to the full body.* Motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Burrell being absent.

- Case No. 7—1575 RC Thompson Road, Shreveport, LA 71107

Mr. Chuck Wilson stated that the property has a dilapidated house structure and is open to the elements. It also has an inoperable tractor and truck in the front, some junk, and high vegetation creating a possible health and safety hazard for the neighbors. The house is uninhabitable, so no one lives in it. Proper notifications have been sent, and it was published in the Official Journal.

The property owners were not in attendance.

The zip code was also corrected on the record to 71107.

It was **moved by Mr. J. Young**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that the recommendation to accept all documents with regards to this case and to demolish the property and place a lien on it be forwarded to the full body.* Motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Burrell being absent.

- Case No. 8—3404 West Dr. MLK Jr. Drive, Shreveport, LA 71107

Mr. Chuck Wilson stated that the property has two dilapidated house structures that are falling apart. The second house has been mostly burnt down and is open to the elements. The property has piles of junk and high vegetation creating a possible health and safety hazard for the neighbors. The house is uninhabitable, so no one lives in it. Proper notifications have been sent, and it was published in the Official Journal.

The property owners were not in attendance.

It was **moved by Mr. J. Epperson**, seconded by Mr J. Young, *that the recommendation to accept all documents with regards to this case and to demolish the property and place a lien on it be forwarded to the full body.* Motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Burrell being absent.

- Case No. 9—6678 Mira Scotts Slough Road, Ida, LA 71044

Mr. Chuck Wilson stated that the property has two dilapidated house structures that are falling apart. Both structures are open to the elements, and has overgrowth of grass and weeds creating a possible health and safety hazard for the neighbors. The house is uninhabitable, so no one lives in it. Proper notifications have been sent, and it was published in the Official Journal.

The property owners were not in attendance.

It was **moved by Mr. J. Epperson**, seconded by Mr J. Young, *that the recommendation to accept all documents with regards to this case and to demolish the property and place a lien on it be forwarded to the full body.* Motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Burrell being absent.

- Case No. 10—8310 Hwy 1, Shreveport, LA 71107

Mr. Chuck Wilson stated that the property has two dilapidated trailer structures that are falling apart. Both structures are open to the elements. It also has an inoperable recreation vehicle and has overgrowth of grass and weeds creating a possible health and safety hazard for the neighbors. The structures are uninhabitable, so no one lives in them. Proper notifications have been sent, and it was published in the Official Journal.

Mr. Hislope said that the property was is in his father's name and is tied up in litigation at the moment. Because of this, he has not torn down the structures yet. He further explained that these two structures are not visible from Highway 1, so he does not see the problem with it. Mr. Hislope also mentioned that his closest neighbor does not have any issues with this and cannot even see this from their property.

He also said that the Red River Waterway Commission is interested in buying the property. If this is the case, then that organization will take care of the issues.

Mr. Kracman wanted to know if these are visible from Highway 1. Mr. Wilson said that they are not, but they did receive a complaint. Mr. Hislope said that they are on a private road.

Mr. Kracman asked how much time would he need to clean up the property. Mr. Hislope said that his father passed away ten years ago, and he's been working on becoming the executor of the property.

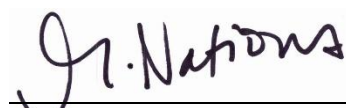
It was **moved by Mr. Kracman**, seconded by Mr G. Young, *that this case be postponed for 6 months.*

Mr. J. Young explained the process of the Parish cleaning up the property and placing a lien on the property. Mr. Hislope understands this, but "can get it done a whole lot cheaper". He further stated that his father is 60% owner of the property, and there are other heirs of it.

Mr. G. Young asked about the process due to the property being owned by two LLCs. Attorney Bernstein explained the LLCs should have an agent identified with the Secretary of State's Office. This is who would receive the notices. The process is feasible, though it may be more complex.

At this time, Mr. Kracman's motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Burrell being absent.

At this time, there was no further discussion to come before the Committee, so the Committee adjourned at 3:00 p.m.



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Assistant Commission Clerk