

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION'S
RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON THE 19th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026

The Caddo Parish Rural Development Committee met in legal sessions on the above date at 1:30, p.m. in the Government Plaza Chambers, with the following members present constituting a quorum: Commissioners Epperson, Lazarus, J. Young, G. Young (4). ABSENT: Commissioner Burrell (1).

Mr. Lazarus gave the invocation, and Mr. Epperson led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no Public Comments nor Agenda Additions, so the Committee moved onto New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

- *Introductory Discussion of the Committee to include sharing of goals and distribution of information to be considered for future discussions.*

Caddo Commission Bylaws define the Rural Development Committee in this way: To this committee shall be referred items related to utility districts, and issues related to roads, water, sewer, and emergency services in those areas outside of the parish's incorporated areas.

Mr. Lazarus said that each committee member had been given a copy of the Caddo Parish water study which was completed in 2012. He explained that the report was the final conclusion of the study which looked at water availability within Caddo Parish and that he wanted the committee members to read the study and develop a plan regarding the future of water use in the Parish.

Mr. John Paul Young said that he would compare the tables of in flows and out flows of water in the study with more recent numbers and determine if there are any trends which he feels warrant further studies. He said that he believes the 2012 study, which likely cost hundreds of thousands of dollars, would be sufficient for their planning and strategy.

Mr. Lazarus said that Caddo Parish does not have authority over withdrawals of water from Caddo Lake. He also said that the 2012 study cost about \$900,000 dollars and a new study may cost double that.

Mr. Gregory Young thanked Mr. Lazarus for his work and attention to this matter. He said that he believes this committee will serve as a conduit for growth in regards to areas such as roads and emergency services.

Mr. Lazarus said that he is confident that with the committee's many years of public service, they will develop a good plan and direction forward.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:42 p.m.



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