

TOWN OF LAKE ARTHUR OFFICIAL MINUTES FOR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

PUBLIC HEARING MEETING SEPTEMBER 3, 2025, AT 6:00 PM

The Town of Lake Arthur Mayor and Board of Council met at a public hearing at 102 Arthur Ave, Lake Arthur, Louisiana, on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Notice of the meeting being duly exercised by the requirements of open meeting law for the purpose of Adopting the Milage Rate Tax Year 2025. Present at the Public Hearing was Mayor Sampson Lejeune, Council Members: Ricky Monceaux, Debbie Abshire, Corey Conner, Duke Broussard, and Mahlon Leblanc, in which a quorum was present. Absent: None. Also in attendance, Town Clerk Mindy Marcantel, representatives from Jennings Daily News, and ten citizens. Mayor Lejeune called the public hearing to order at which time he read the following items: Adoption of Milage Rate Tax Year 2025. There were no questions or comments made. Mayor Lejeune closed the Public Hearing at 6:01 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 3, 2025, AT 6:01 PM

The Town of Lake Arthur Mayor and Board of Council met in regular session at 102 Arthur Ave, LA 70549, on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Notice of the meeting being duly exercised by the requirements of open meeting law.

It was motioned by Corey Conner, seconded by Debbie Abshire to amend agenda to add the following items: a) Motion to Approve Resolution to Enter Lease Agreement Financing through Arvest Bank in Little Rock, Arkansas and authorize Mayor Lejeune to execute the agreement. b) Motion to Introduce Ordinance No. 632, An Ordinance Authorizing the Town of Lake Arthur to declare the properties at 414 First Street Lake Arthur, Louisiana 70549 as surplus property, and authorize the Town of Lake Arthur to enter into a private purchase agreement for fifteen thousand between Town of Lake Arthur and Mr. Hubert Glenn Collins Sr, and Mr. Patricia Ann Collins and authorize Mayor Lejeune to execute the sale on behalf of the Town of Lake Arthur. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

It was motioned by Duke Broussard, second by Corey Conner to adopt the amended agenda. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

It was motioned by Corey Conner, second by Debbie Abshire to adopt the minutes from regular meeting held on August 6, 2025, as submitted. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

It was motioned by Mahlon Leblanc, second by Debbie Abshire to approve paying the bills. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

It was motioned by Duke Broussard, second by Debbie Abshire to adopt the millage rates for tax year 2025. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2025 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Town of Lake Arthur:

General Alimony (5173 001):	MILLAGE
Drainage System (5173 002):	8.140 mills
Streets & Alleys (5173 003):	5.510 mills
Recreational Fae & Public Parks (5173 007):	5.510 mills
Bond (5173 008):	2.820 mills
	4.100 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2025, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full; the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Ricky Monceaux, Mahlon Leblanc, Duke Broussard, Corey Conner, Debbie Abshire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None

CERTIFICATE I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the board meeting held on September 3, 2025, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.
Lake Arthur, Louisiana, this 3rd day of September, 2025.

/s/Sampson Lejeune
Sampson Lejeune, Mayor

Upon the Recommendation of Mayor, it was motioned by Duke Broussard, seconded by Corey Conner to accept the resignation of Justin “Joe” Abshire as the Fire Chief for the Lake Arthur Volunteer Fire Department. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

It was motioned by Duke Broussard, seconded by Mahlon Leblanc to approve allocating the monthly contributions donated from Town of Lake Arthur to the Lake Arthur Volunteer Fire Department and direct contribution to the Lake Arthur Volunteer Fire Department Fiscal Year Budget. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously voted were Ricky Monceaux, Corey Conner, and Duke Broussard. Debbie Abshire and Mahlon Leblanc abstained.

It was motioned by Debbie Abshire, seconded by Corey Conner to approve Resolution for a Two-Year Lease Agreement with River City Hydraulics Inc. for a 2025 Peterson TR3 Route Assistance Refuse with Freightliner Chassis Specialty Vehicle and authorize Mayor Lejeune to execute the agreement. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Debbie Abshire moved the following resolution, seconded by Council Member Corey Conner.

RESOLUTION

Whereas the Town of Lake Arthur seeks to enter (lease)-purchase Agreement from River City Hydraulics, Inc. and financed with Arvest Bank 4004 McCain Blvd North Little Rock, Arkansas 72116 for one (1) specialty Utility Truck through the processes provided:

- 1. 2026 Freightliner M2-106 chassis with a Peterson TR3 Route Assistant with 20’ x 30-yard Hardox Dump Body.

Whereas justification for the need for the listed vehicle and the funding source for the purchase of same has been adequately presented and explained;

Now, Therefore, let it Be Resolved:

The purchase of the vehicles listed should proceed through the processes provided. The spending of the estimated costs of acquisition (or less) to lease said vehicle is approved

Yays Five Nays None Absent None

ATTEST: APPROVED THIS 3RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

/s/Mindy Marcantel
Mindy Marcantel, Town Clerk
TOWN OF LAKE ARTHUR

/s/Sampson Lejeune
Sampson Lejeune; Mayor
TOWN OF LAKE ARTHUR

It was motioned by Duke Broussard, seconded by Debbie Abshire to approve Resolution to enter lease agreement financing through Arvest Bank in Little Rock, Arkansas and authorize Mayor Lejeune to execute the agreement. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

It was motioned by Corey Conner, seconded by Duke Broussard to approve Resolution to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between Town of Lake Arthur Police Department and Town of Gueydan Police Department. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

BE IT KNOWN, that on this 3rd day of September 2025 a meeting of the Town of Lake Arthur Town Council and Mayor was held at which a quorum was present and voting in favor of the following resolution, to-wit:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Lake Arthur does hereby approve a written intergovernmental agreement between the Town of Lake Arthur and the Town of Gueydan bearing date of September 3, 2025, the original of which is attached to this Resolution.

THUS DONE AND PASSED by formal Motion with a majority voting in favor thereof on this 3rd day of September, 2025.

/s/ Sampson Lejeune
Sampson Lejeune, Mayor
Town of Lake Arthur

/s/Mindy Marcantel
Mindy Marcantel, Town Clerk
Town of Lake Arthur

Upon the Recommendation of Chief of Police, Jered Thomas, it was motioned by Debbie Abshire, seconded by Mahlon Leblanc to approve the donation of a 2019 Ford Explorer VIN# 1FM5K8AR8KGB44946 to the Town of Gueydan and authorize Mayor Lejeune to execute the agreement. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

Upon the Recommendation of Chief of Police, Jered Thomas, it was motioned by Corey Conner, seconded by Ricky Monceaux to approve accepting the donation of a 2019 Ford F150 VIN#1FTEW1E56KFD34807 from Town of Gueydan and authorize Mayor Lejeune to execute the agreement. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

It was motioned by Duke Broussard, seconded by Mahlon Leblanc to introduce Ordinance No. 630, An Ordinance Authorizing the Public Auction of Surplus Movable Property Belonging to the Town of Lake Arthur. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

It was motioned by Debbie Abshire, seconded by Ricky Monceaux to introduce Ordinance No. 632, An Ordinance Authorizing the Town of Lake Arthur to declare the properties at 414 First Street Lake Arthur, Louisiana 70549 as surplus property, and authorize the Town of Lake Arthur to enter into a private purchase agreement for fifteen thousand between Town of Lake Arthur and Mr. Hubert Glenn Collins Sr, and Mr. Patricia Ann Collins and authorize Mayor Lejeune to execute the sale on behalf of the Town of Lake Arthur. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

It was motioned by Debbie Abshire, seconded by Corey Conner to adjourn meeting at 6:10 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

g was Pro-Temp Mayor Sampson Lejeune; Council Member Ricky Monceaux, David Hanks and Auldon Robinson. Absent was Mayor Sherry Crochet and Roberta Palermo.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A **PUBLIC HEARING** will be held at the **REGULAR MEETING** of the Mayor & Board of Alderman on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at 6:00 pm in the Lake Arthur City Hall meeting room, at 102 Arthur Ave, Lake Arthur, LA. for the purpose of **PUBLIC OPINION** to discuss the following proposed ordinances:

Ordinance No. 630, An Ordinance Authorizing the Public Auction of Surplus Movable Property Belonging to the Town of Lake Arthur.

Ordinance No. 631, An Ordinance Relative to Camping on Public Property in the Town of Lake Arthur.

Ordinance No. 632, An Ordinance Authorizing the Town of Lake Arthur to declare the properties at 414 First Street Lake Arthur, Louisiana 70549 as surplus property, and authorize the Town of Lake Arthur to enter into a private purchase agreement for fifteen thousand between Town of Lake Arthur and Mr. Hubert Glenn Collins Sr, and Mr. Patricia Ann Collins, and authorize Mayor Lejeune to execute the sale on behalf of the Town of Lake Arthur.

All interested citizens are urged to attend. /s/ Mindy Marcantel

MINDY MARCANTEL, TOWN CLERK

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PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Town of Lake Arthur, LA, is declaring the property at 414 First Street Lake Arthur, LA 70549 as surplus property and authorize the Town of Lake Arthur to enter a private purchase agreement for fifteen thousand dollars with Mr. Hubert Glenn Collins Sr, and Mr. Patricia Ann Collins and authorize Mayor Lejeune to execute sale on behalf of the Town of Lake Arthur.

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