

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF WINN
SEPTEMBER 23, 2025**

The Winn Parish Industrial Board, State of Louisiana, met for a Meeting at its meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Parish Courthouse, 119 W. Main Street, Room 112, Winnfield, Louisiana, on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. (CST) pursuant to the provisions of a written notice given each and every member thereof, and duly posted in a manner required by law.

There were present: Mr. Frank McLaren, Mr. Glenn Austin, Mr. Tony McManus, Mr. Jason Tarver, Mr. Joe Evans, Mr. Robin Cummings and Mr. Chris Nevils.

There were absent: President Larry Bates.

Jury members present: Mr. Author Robinson and Mr. Darrell Franks.

Mr. Frank McLaren called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

No amendments or deletions to the agenda. Mr. Tony McManus moves to adopt the agenda. Second by Mr. Robin Cummings. Vote taken: 7 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. 0 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Joe Evans to adopt the minutes of August 26, 2025. Second by Mr. Glenn Austin. Vote taken: 7 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent. 0 abstained. Motion carried.

Announcements and Comments:

Mrs. Shannon Chevallier is present and addresses the Board about 2 projects, The Main Street project and the Veteran's Memorial project. Mrs. Chevallier explains a demonstration project. It is a low cost intervention intended to last for a short period of time to introduce new ideas and get rapid feedback from the community. She adds that efforts like this enable a community to try it before they buy it and improve upon the final design but removing what doesn't work and improving what does work. The Winnfield demonstration project is an action identified by the Winnfield Active people coalition and will be active the month of December and explore ways to reinvigorate downtown with place making opportunities. This is made possible by funding from the LSU AgCenter and assistance from CPEX and is intended to provide feedback on elements to incorporate in future improvements to the Main Street. Mrs. Chevallier provides some examples such as sidewalks, bike lanes, curb extensions, high visibility crosswalks, traffic calming, street trees and planting, pedestrian amenities and places for gathering and meeting. Mrs. Chevallier states that the Main Street Program has about \$10,000. They have to come up with \$20,000 yearly. The Board asks Mrs. Chevallier to present them with an itemized list of what is needed along with the funds needed. As to the Veteran's Memorial project, Mrs. Chevallier presents a drawing by Mrs. Gail Shelton as to how the Memorial will look. The first phase involves the demolition of existing structures and the preparation of the site for new construction. This phase marks the beginning of a transformative journey to create a dedicated space for honoring our veterans. The demolition process will clear the way for the beautiful open-air memorial shown above. Phased 2 will be a dedicated gathering place for veterans, offering a rich array of memorabilia, stories, and activities. This phase aims to create a space where veterans can connect, reflect and share their experiences. This phase will feature exhibits showcasing historical artifacts, personal stories and interactive activities designed to honor and celebrate the contributions of our veterans. The Board thanks Mrs. Chevallier for presenting these two important projects.

Business:

Motion by Mr. Tony McManus to accept the resignation of President Larry Bates. Second by Mr. Robin Cummings. Vote taken: 7 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 0 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Robin Cummings to open nominations for President of the Winn Parish Industrial Board. Second by Mr. Glenn Austin. Vote taken: 7 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 0 abstained. Motion carried.

Nominations for President opened: Motion by Mr. Frank McLaren to nominate Mr. Glenn Austin. Second by Mr. Tony McManus.

Mr. Tony McManus moves to close nominations for President. Second by Mr. Robin Cummings. Vote taken: 7 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 0 abstained. Motion carried.

Vote taken on Motion and Second for Mr. Glenn Austin as President. 7 yeas. 0 nays. 0 absent. 0 abstained. Motion carried. Mr. Glenn Austin is elected President.

President Austin addresses the Board. He states that Dr. Wu did send the GIS data in a format that Mr. Brent Chandler can open. The data is correct information to overlay imaging. Further discussion was had by the Board and President Austin. President Austin states that the Board needs a website that can be updated often, an employee to manage the site and write grants and contact people. Mr. McLaren addresses the Board about the assets in the Parish.

Additional announcements and comments: Further discussion was had by the Board and members in the audience.

President Austin sets the next meeting for October 21, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.

There being no further business and on motion by Mr. Tony McManus and second by Mr. Joe Evans, the meeting was declared adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

MR. GLENN AUSTIN
PRESIDENT

ATTEST: KAREN TYLER
SECRETARY/TREASURER