

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF WINN
OCTOBER 21, 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, October 21, 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: President Glenn Austin, Mr. Tony McManus, Mr. Jason Tarver, Mr. Joe Evans and Mr. Frank McLaren.

There were absent: Mr. Robin Cummings and Mr. Chris Nevils.

Jury members present: Mr. Author Robinson.

President Austin called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

Mr. Tony McManus moves to amend the agenda to add discussion about vacancies on the Board. Second by Mr. Jason Tarver. Vote taken: 5 yeas. 0 nays. 2 absent. 0 abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Tony McManus to adopt the agenda, as amended. Second by Mr. Jason Tarver. Vote taken: 5 yeas. 0 nays. 2 absent. 0 abstained. Motion carried

Motion by Mr. Joe Evans to adopt the minutes of September 23, 2025. Second by Mr. Tony McManus. Vote taken: 5 yeas. 0 nays. 2 absent. 0 abstained. Motion carried.

Announcements and Comments:

None.

Business:

Mr. Spencer Gaar of Gaar Equipment Sales is present and addresses the Board. He states that he along with his father Steven own and operate Gaar Equipment Sales located in Dodson. Their primary business is in logging equipment service and they also have a rental division that they started about a year ago. The majority of their business is in forestry and logging. Most of their business is local in Winn Parish but they do business all over also. They have purchased property right off Hwy 167 right past the church in Dodson to build a new facility. The issue at hand is if you make a south bound turn, you have to go to the mill and then turn around to go south. This creates a big problem with these big trucks. They feel it needs to be a crossover or a turning lane. This is very much needed for safety as they have about 500 to 600 trucks a year in and out. They would like to see this done before they make this kind of investment. He states that they have talked to Rep. Jack McFarland. He thinks he may can get it done but he doesn't have a timeline. Mr. Gaar states that they employ 15 to 16 people. The new shop will be 80 X 60 with 3 bays and an additional 80 X 60 shop for an office and parts room. Further discussion was had by Mr. Gaar and the Board.

The next item of discussion by President Austin refers to the Articles of Incorporation that was established in 2006 for this Industrial Board. This Board was created to promote industry and develop trade by inducing manufacturing, industrial, commercial and other enterprises to locate in Winn Parish. The Board shall have no less than 3 and no more than 7 directors with staggered terms. President Austin states that he has had discussion with Mr. Jim Fannin who was instrumental in getting this Board created and he would like to have him talk to the Board.

Further discussion was had by the Board as to terms and positions and possible candidates to put on the Board to fill vacancies.

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

President Austin sets the next meeting for November 18, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.

There being no further business and on motion by Mr. Joe Evans and second by Mr. Frank McLaren, the meeting was declared adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

MR. GLENN AUSTIN
PRESIDENT

ATTEST: KAREN TYLER
SECRETARY/TREASURER