



Ascension Parish Assessment District

Minutes of April 23, 2026 Meeting

• **Call to Order**

A public meeting of the Ascension Parish Assessment District was called to order by M.J. "Mert" Smiley, Jr. at 8:00 AM on April 23, 2026 at the Ascension Parish Assessor's Office in Gonzales, LA.

• **Roll Call**

Those present at the meeting were:

M.J. "Mert" Smiley, Jr., Chief Executive Officer, Representing the total membership of the District, and

Kate Babin, Chief Deputy Assessor of Ascension Parish, as well as other office staff as witnesses to these proceedings.

• **Approval of Minutes/Old Business**

Mr. Smiley voted to approve the minutes from the last district meeting which was held on December 17, 2025 and then recognizing that there was no old business to discuss, moved on to the new business for 2026.

• **Public comments**

M.J. "Mert" Smiley, Jr. read the following statement: *"Each public body conducting a meeting which is subject to the notice requirements of RS 42:19(A), shall allow a public comment period at any point in the meeting prior to action on an agenda item upon which a vote is to be taken."* A signup sheet was then provided for anyone wishing to comment on the agenda item listed under New Business.

• **New Business**

The 2026 Resolution was read in full by M.J. "Mert" Smiley, Jr. The *Public Comment Period* was then opened and all signees were allowed 3 minutes to speak.

Recognizing that there were no citizens in attendance, M.J. "Mert" Smiley, Jr. closed the *Public Comment Period* and, as the only representative of the taxing district, voted to approve the resolution as read, adopting a millage rate of **1.78 Mills**.

• **Adjournment**

With no further business to attend to, M.J. "Mert" Smiley, Jr. called an adjournment of the 2026 Assessment District Meeting at 8:15 AM.

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