## PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

# **REGULAR MEETING - JULY 6, 2021**

The St. Martin Parish Council met in Regular Session convened at 5:03 P.M., Tuesday, July 6, 2021, Carroll J. Fuselier Meeting Room, St. Martin Parish Annex Building, 301 West Port Street, St. Martinville, Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Chris Tauzin.

The Invocation was read by Brooke Gillespie, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by David Poirier.

The following members were present: Byron Fuselier, Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier, Chris Tauzin, Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander and Dean LeBlanc. Members absent: Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused). Also present: Parish President Chester Cedars, Director of Administration Calder Hebert, Director of Finance Sean Hundley, Director of Public Works Kasey Courville, Deputy Clerk of the Council Chantelle Dever, and Parish Attorney Allan Durand.

A motion was made by Carla JeanBatiste and seconded by Byron Fuselier to approve the minutes of the St. Martin Parish Council Regular Meeting of June 1, 2021.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier,

Chris Tauzin, Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander and Dean LeBlanc.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 6th day of July, 2021.

Bill Pondrom, Brushmasters, LLC discussed canal spraying operations in St. Martin Parish. Mr. Pondrom explained roadside spraying is conducted five (5) times a year and canal spraying is done twice a year. Brushmasters, LLC uses only aquatic-approved products. This year has been a challenging year for spraying operations due to the amount of rainfall we have received. A general discussion ensued among Council Members, Parish President Chester Cedars, Director of Public Works Kasey Courville, and Bill Pondrom relative to issues Council Members have with overgrown canals and the erosion of some of our roadways. Mr. Pondrom offered to ride through the districts with each Council Member to address any issues, along with providing maps of areas currently part of the contract.

Clerk of the Council Brooke Gillespie read the Special Business Item: RULE TO SHOW CAUSE to address nuisance property at Robert Lane (Parcel ID #09202A0224), Breaux Bridge. Property owned by Robert Sonnier, Jr.

Property owner Robert Sonnier, Jr. was not present to discuss the condition of Robert Lane (Parcel ID #09202A0224), Breaux Bridge. Planning and Zoning Coordinator Morgan Allemond stated the property owner is currently offshore. Ms. Allemond noted the property owner has cut the grass but has not moved the vehicles from the property. After hearing testimony from Planning and Zoning Coordinator Morgan Allemond, and upon reviewing the photographs taken by Compliance Officer Ronald Solarie (*on-file*), the Council found that under Section 24-105 of the St. Martin Parish Code of Ordinances, the condition of the property renders it a "Nuisance" as a result of the debris and junk vehicles on the premises.

Therefore, a motion was made by David Poirier and seconded by Tangie Narcisse authorizing Parish President Chester Cedars to proceed with an Order of Condemnation and Abatement.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier,

Chris Tauzin, Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander and Dean LeBlanc.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 6th day of July, 2021.

A motion was made by Dean LeBlanc and seconded by David Poirier to open the Public Hearing to obtain public comments regarding ordinances being considered for final adoption.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier,

Chris Tauzin, Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander and Dean LeBlanc.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 6th day of July, 2021.

Chairman Chris Tauzin asked for public comment regarding the proposed ordinances being considered for final adoption.

Clerk of the Council Brooke Gillespie read each Ordinance Summary.

Upon requesting and hearing no comments from the audience regarding the proposed ordinances being considered for final adoption, Chairman Chris Tauzin requested a motion to close the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Dean LeBlanc and seconded by David Poirier that the Public Hearing be closed.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier,

Chris Tauzin, Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander and Dean LeBlanc.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 6th day of July, 2021.

A motion was made by Carla JeanBatiste and seconded by Brook Champagne that the following ordinance be adopted, as amended:

## **ORDINANCE NO. 21-07-1325-OR**

AN ORDINANCE DESCRIBING THE PRECINCT BOUNDARIES FOR THE ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL, ASSIGNING POLLING LOCATIONS, AND PROVIDING FURTHER WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2019, the St. Martin Parish Council adopted Ordinance No. 19-12-1281-OR which in Exhibit A appended thereto, provided the written descriptions for each precinct comprising the Prospective Precincts for implementation in 2021, all in anticipation of the redistricting of the St. Martin Parish Council; and

WHEREAS, in the referenced Exhibit A, after consultation with the St. Martin Parish Clerk of Court and Registrar of Voters, there have been recent modifications made to street and boundary names that were different than the version originally adopted; and

WHEREAS, the amended Exhibit A which is appended to this edict now provides for more accurate descriptions of the various precinct boundaries but does not change any boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the revised Exhibit A now also establishes the polling locations for each of the 2021 precincts, all of which have been established after consultation with the St. Martin Parish Office of Clerk of Court and the Registrar of Voters:

THEREFORE, the St. Martin Parish Council hereby ordains:

## SECTION 1-AMENDMENT OF EXHIBIT A

Exhibit A, as originally referenced in Ordinance No. 19-12-1281-OR, is hereby amended and revised to reflect the revised written descriptions of 2021 precincts and hereby establishes the polling locations for each precinct in accordance with revised Exhibit A as attached.

#### **SECTION 2**

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon approval of the St. Martin Parish Council and the signature of the Parish President, all as provided by the St. Martin Parish Home Rule Charter or as may otherwise be dictated by the laws of the State of Louisiana.

#### **EXHIBIT A**

# St. Martin Parish 2021 Precincts Written Descriptions and Polling Locations (As Amended)

#### Precinct 1

The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of the midflow of the Atchafalaya River and the St. Martin Parish boundary, and proceeding northerly, easterly, and southerly along the parish boundary to the intersection with a pipeline canal, then proceeding westerly along the pipeline to the midflow of Bayou Boutte, and proceeding northerly along Bayou Boutte to a pipeline canal, and proceeding southwesterly along the pipeline canal to the midflow of the Atchafalaya River, and proceeding northerly along the Atchafalaya River to the point of beginning.

Polling Location: Belle River Recreation Complex, 1413 Hwy 70, Pierre Part, LA

## Precinct 2

The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of the midflow of the Atchafalaya River and the St. Martin Parish boundary, and proceeding southerly, easterly, and northerly along the parish boundary to the intersection with a pipeline canal, then proceeding westerly along the pipeline to the midflow of Bayou Boutte, and proceeding northerly along Bayou Boutte to a pipeline canal, and proceeding southwesterly along the pipeline canal to the midflow of the Atchafalaya River, and proceeding northerly along the Atchafalaya River to the point of beginning.

Polling Location: Stephensville Vol. Fire Station, 1227 Stephensville Road, Morgan City, LA

## Precinct 3

The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of the St. Martin Parish boundary and Aubry Ozenne Rd, and proceeding easterly along Aubry Ozenne Rd to LA Hwy 96 (Terrace Hwy), and proceeding easterly along LA Hwy 96 to an unnamed oilfield service road, then proceeding southerly along the oilfield road to an unnamed canal, and proceeding southerly and easterly along the canal to an extension of Elliot Loop, then proceeding northerly along the extension to Elliot Loop, then proceeding easterly along Elliot Loop to Main Hwy, then proceeding southerly along Main Hwy to Lady of the Lake Rd, then proceeding westerly along Lady of the Lake Rd to LA Hwy 182 (Old Spanish Trail Hwy S), then proceeding southerly along LA Hwy 182 to the St. Martin Parish boundary, and then proceeding westerly and northerly along the Parish boundary to the point of beginning.

Polling Location: Cade Vol. Fire Station #2, 1544 Smede Highway, Broussard, LA

The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of Lady of the Lake Rd and Old Spanish Trail Hwy S (LA Hwy 182), and proceeding easterly along Lady of the Lake Rd to Main Hwy, and proceeding northerly along Main Hwy to Mimosa Ln, and proceeding easterly along Mimosa Ln and an extension thereof to Bayou Teche, and proceeding southerly along Bayou Teche to the St. Martin Parish boundary, and proceeding westerly along the Parish boundary to Old Spanish Trail Hwy S, and proceeding northerly along Old Spanish Trail Hwy S to the point of beginning.

Polling Location: St. Martinville Junior High School, 7190 Main Highway St. Martinville, LA

## Precinct 5

The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of Neuville Anthony Rd and Loreauville Hwy, and proceeding northerly along Neuville Anthony Rd to an unnamed drainage lateral, then proceeding easterly along the drainage lateral to Burton Plantation Hwy, and proceeding northerly along Burton Plantation Hwy to Catahoula Hwy, and proceeding northerly along Catahoula Hwy to Isle Labbe Rd, and proceeding southerly along Isle Labbe Rd to drainage lateral M30, then proceeding easterly along M30 to drainage lateral L30E, and proceeding southerly and westerly along L30E to Grand Chemin Rd, and proceeding westerly along Grand Chemin Rd to Coteau Holmes Hwy, and proceeding easterly along Coteau Holmes Hwy to the St. Martin Parish boundary, and proceeding westerly along the Parish boundary to Loreauville Hwy, and proceeding northerly along Loreauville Hwy to the point of beginning.

Polling Location: St. Martinville Primary School, 716 N Main Street, St. Martinville, LA

## Precinct 6

The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of Grand Chemin Rd and Coteau Holmes Hwy, and proceeding easterly along Grand Chemin Rd to drainage lateral L30E, and proceeding easterly and northerly along L30E to drainage lateral M30, and proceeding easterly along M30 to Bayou Benoit, and proceeding southerly along Bayou Benoit to a pipeline canal, and proceeding easterly along the pipeline canal to Bayou Chene, and proceeding northerly along Bayou Chene to the west bank of the Atchafalaya River, and proceeding southerly along the Atchafalaya River to the St. Martin Parish boundary, and proceeding westerly along the Parish boundary to Coteau Holmes Hwy, and proceeding northerly along Coteau Holmes Hwy to the point of beginning.

Polling Location: Coteau Holmes Meeting Center, 1814 Coteau Holmes Highway, St. Martinville, LA

The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of Bayou Tortue and Aubry Ozenne Rd, and proceeding northerly along Bayou Tortue to Vermilion River, and proceeding easterly along Vermilion River to Prairie Hwy, and proceeding easterly along Prairie Hwy to Cypress Island Hwy, and proceeding southerly along Cypress Island Hwy to Theobald Rd, and proceeding northerly along Theobald Rd to Paul Joseph Rd, and proceeding southerly along Paul Joseph Rd to La Freniere Rd, and proceeding easterly along La Freniere Rd to Main Hwy, and proceeding northerly along Main Hwy to Bridge St, and proceeding easterly along Bridge St to Bayou Teche, and proceeding southerly along Bayou Teche to St John Bridge Rd, and proceeding westerly along Levert Rd to Russo-Milazzo Rd, and proceeding southerly along Russo-Milazzo Rd to Capritto 40 Arpent Rd, and proceeding southerly along Capritto 40 Arpent Rd to Terrace Hwy, and proceeding westerly along Terrace Hwy to Aubry Ozenne Rd, and proceeding northerly along Aubry Ozenne Rd to Bayou Tortue, and the point of beginning.

Polling Location: North City Park Recreation Building, 100 Northside Park Drive, St. Martinville, LA

## Precinct 8

The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of S Martin Luther King Jr Dr and Isadore Dr, and proceeding northerly along S Martin Luther King Jr Dr to W Hyacinth St, and proceeding easterly along W Hyacinth St to Washington St, and proceeding southerly along Washington St to Randolph St, and proceeding easterly along Randolph St to Main Hwy, and proceeding southerly along Main Hwy to Stagg St, and proceeding easterly along Stagg St and an extension thereof to Bayou Teche, and proceeding southerly along Bayou Teche to and extension of Mimosa Ln, and proceeding westerly along the extension to Mimosa Ln, and proceeding westerly along Mimosa Ln to Main Hwy, and proceeding southerly along Main Hwy to Elliot Loop, and proceeding westerly along Elliot Loop to an extension of Elliot Loop, and proceeding southerly along the extension to an unnamed canal, and proceeding westerly and northerly along the unnamed canal to an unnamed oilfield service road, and proceeding northerly along the oilfield road to Isadore Dr, and proceeding easterly along Isadore Dr to the point of beginning.

Polling Location: JCEP - Juvenile Continuing Education Program, 1004 S Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, St. Martinville, LA

The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of an unnamed oilfield service road and Isadore Dr, and proceeding northerly along the oilfield service road to Terrace Hwy, and proceeding easterly along Terrace Hwy to W Port St, and proceeding easterly along W Port St to E Port St, and proceeding easterly along E Port St to Main St, and proceeding southerly along Main St to the eastbound lanes of Port St, and proceeding easterly along Port St to S New Market St, and proceeding northerly along S New Market St to E Bridge St, and proceeding easterly along E Bridge St to Bayou Teche, and proceeding southerly along Bayou Teche to and extension of Stagg St, and proceeding westerly along the extension to Stagg St, and proceeding westerly along Stagg St to Main Hwy, and proceeding northerly along Main Hwy to Randolph St, and proceeding westerly along Randolph St to Washington St, and proceeding northerly along Washington St to W Hyacinth St, and proceeding westerly along W Hyacinth St to S Martin Luther King Jr Dr, and proceeding southerly along S Martin Luther King Jr Dr to Isadore Dr, and proceeding westerly along Isadore Dr to the point of beginning.

Polling Location: Courthouse Building, 415 South Main Street, St. Martinville, LA

#### Precinct 10

The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of Capritto 40 Arpent Rd and Terrace Hwy, and proceeding northerly along Capritto 40 Arpent Rd to Russo-Milazzo Rd, and proceeding northerly along Russo-Milazzo Rd to Levert Rd, and proceeding easterly along Levert Rd to St John Bridge Rd, and proceeding easterly along St John Bridge Rd to Bayou Teche, and proceeding southerly along Bayou Teche to E Bridge St, and proceeding westerly along E Bridge St to S New Market St, and proceeding southerly along S New Market St to the eastbound lanes of Port St, and proceeding westerly along Port St to Main St, and proceeding northerly along Main St to E Port St, and proceeding westerly along E Port St to W Port St, and proceeding westerly along Terrace Hwy to the point of beginning.

Polling Location: St. Martinville Primary School, 716 N Main Street, St. Martinville, LA

## Precinct 11

The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of Bayou Teche and the St. Martin Parish boundary, and proceeding northerly along Bayou Teche to an extension of Pine Alley Dr, and proceeding easterly along the extension and Pine Alley Dr to LA Hwy 347, and proceeding southerly along LA Hwy 347 to Pine Alley Dr, and proceeding easterly along Pine Alley Dr to Catahoula Hwy, and proceeding southerly along Catahoula Hwy to Burton Plantation Hwy, and proceeding southerly along Burton Plantation Hwy to an unnamed drainage lateral, and proceeding westerly along the drainage lateral to Neuville Anthony Rd, and proceeding southerly along Neuville Anthony Rd to Loreauville Hwy, and proceeding southerly along Loreauville Hwy to the St. Martin Parish boundary and proceeding westerly along the Parish boundary to the point of beginning.

Polling Location: North City Park Recreation Building, 100 Northside Park Drive, St. Martinville, LA

The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of Bayou Teche and St. John Bridge Rd, and proceeding northerly along Bayou Teche to an extension of Boon Lasseigne Rd, and proceeding easterly along the Boon Lasseigne Rd extension to Boon Lasseigne Rd, and proceeding easterly along Boon Lasseigne Rd to Section 28 Rd, and proceeding easterly along Section 28 Rd to Catahoula Hwy, and proceeding westerly along Catahoula Hwy to Alexson Rd, and proceeding easterly along Alexson Rd to Catahoula Coulee, and proceeding southerly along Catahoula Coulee to an unnamed drainage lateral, and proceeding easterly along the drainage lateral to an unnamed drainage lateral, and proceeding southerly along the drainage lateral to drainage lateral M30, and proceeding westerly along M30 to Isle Labbe Rd, and proceeding northerly along Isle Labbe Rd to Catahoula Hwy, and proceeding southwesterly along Catahoula Hwy to Pine Alley Dr, and proceeding westerly along Pine Alley Dr to LA Hwy 347, and proceeding northerly along LA Hwy 347 to Pine Alley Dr, and proceeding westerly along Pine Alley Dr and an extension thereof to Bayou Teche, and proceeding northerly along Bayou Teche to the point of beginning.

Polling Location: Catahoula Elementary School Gym, 1016-A Catahoula School Highway, St. Martinville, LA

## Precinct 13

The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of Bayou Martin and Section 28 Rd, and proceeding northerly along Bayou Martin to Bayou Junction, and proceeding easterly along Bayou Junction to Bayou Berard, and proceeding northerly along Bayou Berard to Bayou Portage, and proceeding northerly along Bayou Portage to Henderson Levee Rd, and proceeding southerly along Henderson Levee Rd to Catahoula Levee Rd, and proceeding southerly along Catahoula Levee Rd to an unnamed levee access road, and proceeding easterly along the access road to Bayou LaRose, and proceeding easterly along Bayou LaRose to a unnamed pipeline canal, and proceeding northerly along the pipeline canal to the Atchafalaya River, and proceeding southerly along the Atchafalaya River to Bayou Chene, and proceeding southerly along Bayou Chene to a pipeline canal, and proceeding westerly along the pipeline canal to Bayou Benoit Levee Rd, and proceeding northerly along Bayou Benoit Levee Rd to Bayou Alexander Hwy, and proceeding westerly along Bayou Alexander Hwy to Bayou Benoit, and proceeding northerly along Bayou Benoit to drainage lateral M30, and proceeding westerly along M30 to an unnamed drainage lateral, and proceeding northerly along the drainage lateral to another unnamed drainage lateral, and proceeding westerly along the drainage lateral to Catahoula Coulee, and proceeding northerly along Catahoula Coulee to Alexson Rd, and proceeding westerly on Alexson Rd to Catahoula Hwy, and proceeding northerly along Catahoula Hwy to Section 28 Rd, and proceeding westerly along Section 28 Rd to the point of beginning.

Polling Location: Catahoula Elementary School Gym, 1016-A Catahoula School Highway, St. Martinville, LA

The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of Vermilion River and Prairie Hwy, and proceeding northerly along Vermilion River to Evangeline Canal, and proceeding easterly along Evangeline Canal to Ruth Canal, and proceeding easterly along Ruth Canal to Bayou Teche, and southerly along Bayou Teche to Bridge St, and proceeding westerly along Bridge St to Main Hwy, and proceeding southerly along Main Hwy to La Freniere Rd, and proceeding westerly along La Freniere Rd to Paul Joseph Rd, and proceeding northerly along Paul Joseph Rd to Theobald Rd, and proceeding westerly along Theobald Rd to Cypress Island Hwy, and proceeding westerly along Cypress Island Hwy to Prairie Hwy, and proceeding westerly along Prairie Hwy to the point of beginning.

Polling Location: Parks Primary Cafeteria, 1034 Main Street, Parks, LA

#### Precinct 15

The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of Ruth Bridge Hwy and Bayou Teche, and proceeding easterly along Ruth Bridge Hwy to Poydras Hwy, and proceeding easterly along Poydras Hwy to Clayton Castille Rd, and proceeding easterly along Clayton Castille Rd to Doyle Melancon Rd, and proceeding northerly along Doyle Melancon Rd to Breaux Bridge Sr High Rd, and proceeding easterly along Breaux Bridge Sr High Rd to Nursery Hwy, and proceeding southerly along Nursery Hwy to Papit Guidry Rd, and proceeding westerly along Papit Guidry Rd to Poydras Hwy, and proceeding westerly along Poydras Hwy to Hebert Ln, and proceeding westerly along Hebert Ln and an extension thereof to Bayou Teche, and proceeding westerly and northerly along Bayou Teche to the point of beginning.

Polling Location: Breaux Bridge Senior High School, 1015 Breaux Bridge Senior High Road, Breaux Bridge, LA

## Precinct 16

The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of Bayou Teche and an extension of Hebert Ln, and proceeding easterly along the extension and Hebert Ln to Poydras Hwy, and proceeding easterly along Poydras Hwy to Papit Guidry Rd, and proceeding easterly along Papit Guidry Rd to Nursery Hwy, and proceeding northerly along Nursery Hwy to Grand Bois Rd, and proceeding easterly and northerly along Grand Bois Rd to an unnamed drainage lateral, and proceeding easterly along the drainage lateral to Bayou Portage, and proceeding easterly along Bayou Portage to Bayou Berard, and proceeding southerly along Bayou Berard to Bayou Junction, and proceeding westerly along Bayou Junction to Bayou Martin, and proceeding southerly along Bayou Martin to Section 28 Rd, and proceeding easterly along Section 28 Rd to Boon Lasseigne Rd, and proceeding westerly along Boon Lasseigne Rd and an extension thereof to Bayou Teche, and proceeding northerly along Bayou Teche to the point of beginning.

Polling Location: Parks Middle School Gym, 1010-A St. Louis Drive, St. Martinville, LA

The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of Mills Rd and the St. Martin Parish boundary and proceeding northerly and easterly along the Parish boundary to the eastbound lanes of Interstate 10, and proceeding easterly along Interstate 10 to Bayou Teche, and proceeding southerly on Bayou Teche to E Mills Ave and proceeding westerly on E Mills Ave to W Mills Ave and proceeding westerly along W Mills Ave to the point of beginning.

Polling Location: Sydnie Mae Maraist Durand Sr. Citizens Act. Ct, 391 Cannery Road, Breaux Bridge, LA

## Precinct 18

The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of W Mills Ave and the St. Martin Parish boundary, and proceeding easterly along W Mills Ave to the railroad tracks, and proceeding easterly along the railroad tracks to the abandoned railroad bed at Brick Ave, and proceeding southerly along the railroad bed to Alexander St, and proceeding southerly along Alexander St to Wild Cherry Ln, and proceeding easterly along Wild Cherry Ln to Main Hwy, and proceeding northerly along Main Hwy to Veteran Dr, and proceeding easterly along Veteran Dr and an extension thereof to Bayou Teche, and proceeding southerly along Bayou Teche to Ruth Canal, and proceeding westerly along Ruth Canal to Evangeline Canal, and proceeding westerly along Evangeline Canal to the St. Martin Parish boundary, and proceeding northerly along the Parish boundary to the point of beginning.

Polling Location: Sydnie Mae Maraist Durand Sr. Citizens Act. Ct, 391 Cannery Road, Breaux Bridge, LA

## Precinct 19

The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of W Mills Ave and the railroad tracks, and proceeding easterly along the railroad tracks to the abandoned railroad bed at Brick Ave, and proceeding southerly along the railroad bed to Alexander St, and proceeding southerly along Alexander St to Wild Cherry Ln, and proceeding easterly along Wild Cherry Ln to Main Hwy, and proceeding northerly along Main Hwy to Veteran Dr, and proceeding easterly along Veteran Dr and an extension thereof to Bayou Teche, and proceeding northerly along Bayou Teche to W Mills Ave, and proceeding westerly along W Mills Ave to the point of beginning.

Polling Location: Agriculture Building, 114 Courthouse Street, Breaux Bridge, LA

The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of the eastbound lanes of Interstate 10 and Bayou Teche, and proceeding easterly along Interstate 10 to Doyle Melancon Ext, and proceeding southerly along Doyle Melancon Ext to Doyle Melancon Rd, and proceeding southerly along Doyle Melancon Rd to Clifton Angelle Rd, and proceeding westerly along Clifton Angelle Rd to Coulee Portage, and proceeding westerly along Coulee Portage to Bayou Teche, and proceeding northerly along Bayou Teche to the point of beginning.

Polling Location: Breaux Bridge Elementary School, 915 St. Charles Street, Breaux Bridge, LA

## Precinct 21

The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of Bayou Teche and Coulee Portage, and proceeding easterly along Coulee Portage to Clifton Angelle Rd, and proceeding easterly along Clifton Angelle Rd to Doyle Melancon Rd, and proceeding northerly along Doyle Melancon Rd to Grand Pointe Ave, and proceeding easterly along Grand Pointe Ave to an unnamed drainage lateral and proceeding southerly along the drainage lateral to Bayou Portage, and proceeding easterly along Bayou Portage to Coulee Nicole Guidry, and proceeding northerly along Coulee Nicole Guidry to Ches Courville Rd, and proceeding northerly to the municipal boundaries of the town of Henderson, and proceeding easterly along the municipal boundaries to Bayou Portage, and proceeding southerly on Bayou Portage to Bayou Berard, and proceeding southerly on Bayou Berard to Bayou Portage Guidry, and proceeding westerly to Grand Bois Rd, and proceeding southerly and southwesterly along Grand Bois Rd to Nursery Hwy, and proceeding northerly and westerly along Nursery Hwy to Breaux Bridge Sr High Rd, and proceeding westerly along Breaux Bridge Sr High Rd to Doyle Melancon Rd, and proceeding southerly along Doyle Melancon Rd to Clayton Castille Rd, and proceeding westerly along Clayton Castille Rd to Poydras Hwy, and proceeding westerly along Poydras Hwy to Ruth Bridge Hwy, and proceeding westerly along Ruth Bridge Hwy to Bayou Teche, and proceeding northerly along Bayou Teche to the point of beginning.

Polling Location: Breaux Bridge Senior High School, 1015 Breaux Bridge Senior High Road, Breaux Bridge, LA

#### Precinct 22

The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of the eastern municipal boundaries of the town of Henderson and Interstate 10, and proceeding southerly along the municipal boundaries to Henderson Levee Rd, and proceeding southerly along Henderson Levee Rd to Catahoula Levee Rd, and proceeding southerly along Catahoula Levee Rd to an unnamed levee access road, and proceeding easterly along the access road to Bayou LaRose, and proceeding easterly along Bayou LaRose to a unnamed pipeline canal, and proceeding northerly along the pipeline canal to the Atchafalaya River, and proceeding southerly along the Atchafalaya River to the St. Martin Parish boundary, and proceeding easterly and northerly along the Parish boundary to the eastbound lanes of Interstate 10, and proceeding westerly along Interstate 10 to the point of beginning.

Polling Location: Butte LaRose Fire Station, 1721 Herman Dupuis Road, Breaux Bridge, LA

The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of the eastbound lanes of Interstate 10 and the St. Martin Parish boundary, and proceeding northerly along the Parish boundary to Bayou Pont Brule, and proceeding easterly along Bayou Pont Brule to Magenta Canal, and proceeding westerly along Magenta Canal to Tilac Rd, and proceeding southerly along Tilac Rd to Declouet Hwy, and proceeding southerly along Declouet Hwy to Harold Stoute Rd, and proceeding easterly along Harold Stoute Rd and an extension thereof to Bayou Teche, and proceeding southerly along Bayou Teche to the eastbound lanes of Interstate 10, and proceeding westerly along Interstate 10 to the point of beginning.

Polling Location: Teche Elementary School, 2439 Main Highway, Breaux Bridge, LA

## Precinct 24

The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of the eastbound lanes of Interstate 10 and Bayou Teche, then proceeding northerly along Bayou Teche to an extension of Kathleen Dr, and proceeding easterly along the extension and Kathleen Dr to Anse Broussard Hwy, and proceeding southerly along Anse Broussard Hwy to Dermilie Calais Rd W, and proceeding easterly along Dermilie Calais Rd W to Dermilie Calais Rd, and proceeding easterly along Dermilie Calais Rd to Grand Pointe Ave, and proceeding southerly along Grand Pointe Ave to the municipal boundaries of the town of Henderson, and proceeding westerly, southerly, and easterly along the municipal boundaries to Ches Courville Rd, and proceeding southerly to Coulee Nicole Guidry, then proceeding southeasterly to Bayou Portage, and proceeding westerly on Bayou Portage to an unnamed drainage lateral, and proceeding northwesterly to Grand Pointe Ave, and proceeding southerly along Grand Pointe Ave to Doyle Melancon Ext, and proceeding north westerly along Doyle Melancon Ext to the eastbound lanes of Interstate 10, and proceeding westerly along Interstate 10 to the point of beginning.

Polling Location: Cecilia Civic Center, 2464 Cecilia High School Highway, Breaux Bridge, LA

## Precinct 25

The region bounded and described as follows: The municipal boundaries of the town of Henderson.

Polling Location: Henderson Fire Station, 1014 Bernard Street, Breaux Bridge, LA

The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of the St. Martin Parish boundary and Bayou Pont Brule, and proceeding northerly, westerly, northerly, and easterly along the Parish boundary to Bayou Teche, and proceeding southerly along Bayou Teche to an extension of Harold Stoute Rd, and proceeding westerly along the extension to Harold Stoute Rd, and proceeding westerly along Harold Stoute Rd to Declouet Hwy, and proceeding northerly along Declouet Hwy to Tilac Rd, and proceeding northerly along Tilac Rd to Magenta Canal, and proceeding easterly along Magenta Canal to Bayou Pont Brule, and proceeding westerly along Bayou Pont Brule to the point of beginning.

Polling Location: VFW Annex, 1019 Clay Street, Arnaudville, LA

## Precinct 27

The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of Bayou Teche and an extension of George Guilbeau Rd, and proceeding northerly along the extension to George Guilbeau Rd, and proceeding northerly along George Guilbeau Rd to Bushville Hwy, and proceeding easterly along Bushville Hwy to Cecil Watkins Rd, and proceeding easterly along Cecil Watkins Rd to Coteau Rodaire Hwy, and proceeding easterly along Coteau Rodaire Hwy to Grand Pointe Hwy, and proceeding southerly along Grand Pointe Hwy to Dermilie Calais Rd, and proceeding westerly along Dermilie Calais Rd to Dermilie Calais Rd W, and proceeding westerly along Dermilie Calais Rd W to Anse Broussard Hwy, and proceeding northerly along Anse Broussard Hwy to Kathleen Dr, and proceeding westerly along Kathleen Dr and an extension thereof to Bayou Teche, and proceeding northerly along Bayou Teche to the point of beginning.

Polling Location: Cecilia Junior High School, 1038 School Road Extension, Breaux Bridge, LA

## Precinct 28

The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of Dupuis Canal and Grand Pointe Hwy, and proceeding easterly along Dupuis Canal to Bayou Portage, and proceeding northerly along Bayou Portage to the St. Martin Parish boundary, and proceeding easterly, northerly, easterly, and southerly along the Parish boundary to the eastbound lanes of Interstate 10, and proceeding westerly along Interstate 10 to the municipal boundaries of the town of Henderson, and proceeding northerly and westerly along the municipal boundaries to Grand Pointe Hwy, and proceeding northerly along Grande Pointe Hwy to the point of beginning.

Polling Location: Cecilia Civic Center, 2464 Cecilia High School Highway, Breaux Bridge, LA

The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of Dupuis Canal and Grand Pointe Hwy, and proceeding easterly along Dupuis Canal to Bayou Portage, and proceeding northerly along Bayou Portage to the St. Martin Parish boundary, and proceeding westerly to Bayou Teche, and proceeding southerly along Bayou Teche to an extension of George Guilbeau Rd, and proceeding northerly along the extension to George Guilbeau Rd, and proceeding northerly along George Guilbeau Rd to Bushville Hwy, and proceeding easterly along Bushville Hwy to Cecil Watkins Rd, and proceeding easterly along Cecil Watkins Rd to Coteau Rodaire Hwy, and proceeding easterly along Grand Pointe Hwy to the point of beginning.

Polling Location: Cecilia Civic Center, 2464 Cecilia High School Highway, Breaux Bridge, LA

This Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS:

Byron Fuselier, Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier,

Chris Tauzin, Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander and Dean LeBlanc.

NAYS:

None.

ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the Ordinance was declared adopted this 6th day of July, 2021.

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A motion was made by Byron Fuselier and seconded by David Poirier that the following ordinance be adopted, as amended:

## **ORDINANCE NO. 21-07-1326-OR**

An ordinance authorizing the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana, to proceed with a not to exceed \$4,600,000 financing through the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority for the purpose of refunding certain bonds of the Authority and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, Chapter 10-D of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, comprised of La. R.S. 33:4548.1 through 33:4548.16, inclusive, is known as the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Act (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana (the "Parish") is a participating political subdivision of the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (the "Authority") in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Act, and other constitutional and statutory authority, the Authority has heretofore issued its Revenue Bonds (Parish of St. Martin Project), Series 2011 (the "Series 2011 Bonds"), of which \$4,270,000 is currently outstanding; and

WHEREAS, the Authority loaned the proceeds of the Series 2011 Bonds to the Parish pursuant to a Loan Agreement dated as of October 3, 2011 by and between the Authority and the Parish; and

WHEREAS, this St. Martin Parish Council (the "Governing Authority"), acting as governing authority of the Parish, has determined that it is in the Parish's best interest to request the Authority to authorize, sell and issue the Authority's not to exceed Four Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,400,000) Revenue Refunding Bonds (St. Martin Parish Project) (the "Bonds"), in one or more series, the proceeds of which will be loaned by the Authority to the Parish (the "Loan") pursuant to the provisions of a Loan and Assignment Agreement by and between the Authority and the Parish (the "Loan Agreement"), which Loan proceeds will be used by the Parish to (i) refund all or a portion of the Series 2011 Bonds and (ii) pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds (collectively, the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, for the payment and security of the Bonds, the Loan Agreement will provide for a pledge by the Parish of the funds, income, revenue, fees, receipts or charges of any nature from any source whatsoever on deposit with or accruing from time to time to the Parish, provided that no such funds, income, revenue, fees, receipts or charges shall be so included which have been or are in the future legally dedicated and required for other purposes by the electorate, by the terms of specific grants, by the terms of particular obligations issued or to be issued (to the extent pledged or budgeted to pay debt service on such other obligations) or by operation of law (such amounts

being the "Lawfully Available Funds"), thereby obligating the Parish to pay to the Authority amounts necessary to allow the Authority to make principal and interest payments on the Bonds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the St. Martin Parish Council, acting as governing authority of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana, that:

SECTION 1. The Parish hereby requests that the Authority authorize and issue the Authority's Revenue Refunding Bonds (St. Martin Parish Project) (the "Bonds"), in one or more series in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$4,600,000, the proceeds of which shall be loaned to the Parish pursuant to the Loan Agreement and will be used by the Parish to finance the Project.

SECTION 2. The Bonds shall be issued and sold by the Authority only as fully registered bonds in the denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple in excess thereof. The Bonds shall mature not later than October 1, 2031 (the final maturity of the Series 2011 Bonds) and shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed five percent (5%) per annum.

SECTION 3. The selection by the Authority of Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Baton Rouge, Louisiana (the "Purchaser") as underwriter is hereby acknowledged and approved by the Governing Authority, provided that the Purchaser's proposal does not exceed the parameters set forth in Section 2 above, and the Parish President and Clerk of the Governing Authority are hereby authorized to execute the Bond Purchase Agreement and other Parish Documents, as described in Section 4 hereof, in order to evidence such approval.

SECTION 4. The form and terms of the Loan Agreement, the Bond Purchase Agreement, the Continuing Disclosure Certificate, the Escrow Deposit Agreement and all other ancillary documents necessary or required in connection with the Bonds (the "Parish Documents") are hereby authorized and approved in the forms approved by bond counsel to the Authority. The Loan Agreement shall obligate the Parish to pay to the Authority amounts necessary from Lawfully Available Funds to allow the Authority to make principal and interest payments on the Bonds and to secure the payment thereof. The Parish does hereby irrevocably and irrepealably pledge and dedicate its Lawfully Available Funds in an amount sufficient for the payment of its obligations pursuant to the Loan Agreement. It is the intention of the Parish that, to the fullest extent permitted by law, this pledge shall be valid and binding from the time when it is made, that its Lawfully Available Funds so pledged and then or thereafter received by the Parish shall immediately be subject to the lien of such pledge without any physical delivery or further act, and that the lien of such pledge and the obligation to perform the contractual agreements contained herein and in the Loan Agreement shall have priority over any or all other obligations and liabilities of the Parish in accordance with the terms of the Loan Agreement, and that this pledge shall be valid and binding against all parties having claims of any kind in tort, contract or otherwise against the Parish, irrespective of whether such parties have notice thereof. The Parish's Lawfully Available Funds shall be and remain pledged for the security and payment of the Bonds in principal and interest until the Bonds shall have been fully paid and discharged.

SECTION 5. The execution and delivery of a Preliminary Official Statement and an Official Statement, in the forms approved by bond counsel and the municipal advisor to the Authority, are hereby approved.

SECTION 6. The Parish President and Clerk of the Governing Authority are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents and take all further action necessary or reasonably required to effect the Loan from the Authority evidenced by the Loan Agreement and are specifically authorized to approve any changes to the Loan Agreement and all other ancillary documents approved by counsel to the Parish and bond counsel to the Authority, such approval to be conclusively evidenced by their execution hereof.

SECTION 7. The Parish covenants and agrees that, to the extent permitted by the laws of the State of Louisiana, it will comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and any amendments thereto (the "Code") to establish, maintain and preserve the exclusion from "gross income" of interest on the tax-exempt Bonds under the Code. The Parish further covenants and agrees that it will not take any action, fail to take any action or permit any action within its control to be taken, or permit at any time or times any of the proceeds of the Bonds or any other funds of the Parish to be used directly or indirectly in any manner, the effect of which would be to cause the Bonds to be "arbitrage bonds" or would result in inclusion of interest on any Bonds in gross income under the Code, including, without limitation, (i) the failure to comply with the limitation on investment of Bond proceeds; or (ii) the failure to pay any required rebate of arbitrage earnings to the United State of America; or (iii) use of Bond proceeds in a manner that would cause the Bonds to be "private activity bonds."

<u>SECTION 8.</u> The Authority is hereby requested to take all actions necessary to issue and sell the Bonds.

<u>SECTION 9.</u> The Parish President and Clerk of the Governing Authority are hereby authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary and incidental to carry out the provisions of this Ordinance and effect the completion of the Project and to assist the Authority in carrying out its functions in connection with the financing.

<u>SECTION 10.</u> This Bond Ordinance shall become effective immediately.

This Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier,

Chris Tauzin, Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander and Dean LeBlanc.

NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the Ordinance was adopted on this, the 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

/s/ Brooke Gillespie	/s/ Chester R. Cedars
Clerk of Council	Parish President

A motion was made by Chris Tauzin and seconded by Brook Champagne that the following ordinance be adopted, as amended:

## **ORDINANCE NO. 21-07-1327-OR**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND/OR REVISE CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE I OF THE ST. MARTIN PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES BY THE ENACTMENT OF SECTION 14-71 ENTITLED, "COUNCIL APPROVAL OF DEVELOPMENTS", AND THE REVISION OF SECTION 14-2 ALL RELATIVE TO THE REGULATION AND PERMITTING OF DEVELOPMENTS, LEVEE CONSTRUCTION OR REMOVAL, THE DEFINITION OF LEVEE, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, recent flooding throughout St. Martin Parish has resulted in a more detailed analysis of the Parish's floodplain ordinance adopted on December 3, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Parish administration, including the Director of Public Works and Parish President, maintain that the current ordinance addresses flood control developments inclusive of levee systems; and

WHEREAS, the Administration nonetheless postulates that the St. Martin Parish Council should play a vital, informed role in the permitting of certain types of developments which directly embrace those that include any sort of levee systems:

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED by the Parish Council of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, duly convened in regular session on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021, that Article I of Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances for St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, be amended and/or revised by the enactment of Section 14-71 thereof entitled "Council Approval of Developments" consisting of Section 14-71 as follows:

## Section 14-71. Council Approval of Developments.

A. Any development which includes the construction, alteration, or removal of any sort of levee or levee system as defined in this Chapter, including but not limited to Section 14-2, shall require a permit issued and approved by the floodplain administrator and specifically approved by majority vote of the St. Martin Parish Council. Upon request of the floodplain administrator or Parish President, the request for such a permit shall be accompanied by an engineering study which details the impact of the said development inclusive of hydrological and hydraulic analysis. In those instances where the development includes the removal of a levee or levee system, the original purpose for the construction of the said levee or levee system shall be irrelevant.

- B. In determining whether to grant or approve a permit for a development referenced in Section A above, both the floodplain administrator and Parish Council shall consider the following nonexclusive factors:
  - 1. The extent to which the development disturbs of affects any property situated in the region or area of the development inclusive of properties adjacent or contiguous to the proposed development;
  - 2. Whether the development will result in a rise in water levels in any adjacent or contiguous areas;
  - 3. The potential of damage by flooding or otherwise to any property or public infrastructure due to the development;
  - 4. The development's impact on erosion in adjacent or contiguous areas; and
  - 5. Any other factor deemed relevant and necessary to access the potential of harm to property or public infrastructure.
- C. Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, the floodplain administrator and/or Parish Council shall not permit any development in a flood hazard, floodplain, or floodway area which is determined to be incompatible with the use or occupancy of adjacent property or infrastructure due to the increase of potential flooding or which would make such adjacent property or infrastructure vulnerable to flood damage. A flood hazard, floodplain, or floodway area shall be identified by the latest edition of FIRM maps. Moreover, any such development shall comply with all other applicable rules and requirements of all state and federal agencies which are vested with regulatory jurisdiction over the said development.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the St. Martin Parish Council that Article I of Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances for St. Martin Parish be further amended by the amendment or revision of the definition of the term "levee" set forth in Section 14-2 to read as follows:

"Levee means a manmade structure of any nature, earthen or otherwise, along any water body that contains, controls, diverts, detains, retains, or which aids in the containment, control, or diversion of the flow of water on or across any real estate."

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the St. Martin Parish Council that the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and if any provision, word, phrase, or clause of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof which can be afforded efficacy without the invalid provision or application thereof.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon approval by the St. Martin Parish Council and the signature of the Parish President.

This Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier,

Chris Tauzin, Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander and Dean LeBlanc.

NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the Ordinance was declared adopted this 6th day of July, 2021.

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A motion was made by Brook Champagne and seconded by Dean LeBlanc that the following resolution be adopted:

## **RESOLUTION NO. 21-051-RS**

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council is interested in reappointing a member of the St. Martin Parish Hospital Service District No. 2 Board (Oschner St. Martin Hospital) whose term has expired.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby reappoint Mr. Kenneth Mouton for a six (6) year term expiring on July 6, 2027, to serve as a member of the St. Martin Parish Hospital Service District No. 2 Board (Oschner St. Martin Hospital).

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier,

Chris Tauzin, Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander and Dean LeBlanc.

NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 6th day of July, 2021.

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A motion was made by Byron Fuselier and seconded by Brook Champagne that the following resolution be adopted:

## **RESOLUTION NO. 21-052-RS**

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council is interested in reappointing members of the St. Martin Parish Water & Sewerage Commission No. 1 (Stephensville-Belle River) whose terms have expired.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby reappoint Mr. Jesse Doiron and Mr. Shelby Daigle, Jr. for three (3) year terms expiring on July 2, 2024, and Mr. Eroy Acosta for a two (2) term expiring on July 2, 2023 to serve as members on the St. Martin Parish Water & Sewerage Commission No. 1 (Stephensville-Belle River).

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier,

Chris Tauzin, Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander and Dean LeBlanc.

NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 6th day of July, 2021.

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A motion was made by Byron Fuselier and seconded by Carla JeanBatiste that the following resolution be adopted:

## **RESOLUTION NO. 21-053-RS**

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council regretfully accepted the resignation of Ms. Donna Vorenkamp as a member of the St. Martin Parish Recreation District No. 1 Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Darren Mayon has been recommended to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Vorenkamp.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby appoint Mr. Darren Mayon, whose term will expire on July 6, 2022, to serve as a member on the St. Martin Parish Recreation District No. 1 Committee.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier,

Chris Tauzin, Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander and Dean LeBlanc.

NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 6th day of July, 2021.

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A motion was made by Brook Champagne and seconded by David Poirier that the following resolution be adopted:

## **RESOLUTION NO. 21-054-RS**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN WILLIAMS TO REPLACE ADRIENNE FONTENOT AS A MEMBER OF THE ST. MARTIN PARISH RECREATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE NUMBER 20-02-1287-OR OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR ST. MARTIN PARISH, LOUISIANA.

WHEREAS, in accordance with La.R.S. 33:4533, *et seq* on February 4, 2020, the St. Martin Parish Council adopted Ordinance Number 20-02-1287-OR which established a governing body known as the "St. Martin Parish Recreation Board of Directors"; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid ordinance repealed, revised, enacted, and/or re-enacted Sections 28-100 through 28-105 of the Parish's Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned edict provides for five board members to be appointed by the Parish President, each board member representing the following parks: Cecile Rousseau Memorial Park (Parks); Clayton Boudreaux Memorial Park (Catahoula); Paul Angelle Park (Cecilia); Magnolia Park (St. Martinville); and, Parc Hardy (Breaux Bridge); and

WHEREAS, the said dictates of the Parish Ordinance provide for the appointment by the Parish President of a sixth board member to serve as the Chairperson; and

WHEREAS, all appointments shall be confirmed by the St. Martin Parish Council; and WHEREAS, by virute of Resolution Number 20-019-RS, the appointment of Adrienne Fontenot for Parc Hardy was confirmed; and

WHEREAS, the said Adrienne Fontenot has since resigned as a member of the St. Martin Parish Recreation Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Parish President has appointed John Williams to assume that directorship for the remainder of her term:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Parish President's appointment John Williams to replace Adrienne Fontenot on the St. Martin Parish Recreation Board of Directors be and is hereby confirmed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the salary of the said John Williams shall be the same as that for all other directors except for the Chairperson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be effective on July 6, 2021.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier,

Chris Tauzin, Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander and Dean LeBlanc.

NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 6th day of July, 2021.

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A motion was made by Byron Fuselier and seconded by Carla JeanBatiste that the following resolution be adopted:

## **RESOLUTION NO. 21-055-RS**

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council regretfully accepted the resignation of Mr. Lee Venable as a member of the St. Martin Economic Development Authority (SMEDA) Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Eric Martin has been recommended to fill the vacancy of the St. Martin Economic Development Authority (SMEDA) Board of Directors created by Mr. Venable's resignation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby appoint Mr. Eric Martin to serve as a member on the St. Martin Economic Development Authority (SMEDA) Board of Directors for a three (3) year term expiring on July 6, 2024.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier,

Chris Tauzin, Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander and Dean LeBlanc.

NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 6th day of July, 2021.

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A motion was made by Brook Champagne and seconded by Tangie Narcisse that the following resolution be adopted:

## **RESOLUTION NO. 21-056-RS**

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RESUMING FEDERAL OFFSHORE LEASING IN THE GULF OF MEXICO

WHEREAS, the United States of America Offshore Oil and Gas Program, since its authorization by the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA), has provided significant energy to help fuel the great economy of America; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America Offshore Oil and Gas Program, has been very effective in helping America achieve energy security and strengthening our National Security; and

WHEREAS, the offshore industry and government have collaborated with groups such as the Coastal Conservation Association to create innovative ways to find beneficial cooperation such as the Rigs-to-Reef program, which benefits the recreational fishing community by repurposing obsolete structures of which nearly 600 reefed platforms in the United States Gulf of Mexico are home to almost seven million fish and other critical marine species, enriching marine life; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the United States of America Offshore Oil and Gas Program is responsible for helping to create hundreds of thousands of jobs with a significant economic impact and has generated hundreds of billions in royalty revenue for the United States Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress in 2020 permanently funded the Land and Water Conservation Fund at \$900 million per year with wide bipartisan support. Relying solely on earnings from federal offshore oil and gas leasing, the Land and Water Conservation Fund has funded more than \$4 billion worth of projects since its inception in 1965 for purposes of conservation, recreation, restoration, and protection of vital national resources; and

WHEREAS, since 2006, more than \$1 billion, funded exclusively by federal offshore lease revenues, has been disbursed to four (4) Gulf energy-producing states through the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act to support coastal conservation and restoration projects; hurricane protection programs; and activities to implement marine coastal or conservation management plans; and

WHEREAS, in the most recent conservation legislation, the Great American Outdoors Act, the United States Congress set aside up to \$1.9 billion a year from federal offshore lease revenues for the next five (5) years to repair facilities and infrastructure in our national parks, forests,

wildlife refuges and American Indian Schools; and

WHEREAS it is important for the funding of these conservation, recreation, restoration and protection efforts that the United States of America Offshore Oil and Gas Program continues; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America Offshore Oil and Gas Program has been managed in such a way that it is recognized as an environmentally advantaged energy producer with approximately half (53%) of the carbon intensity per barrel of other producing regions worldwide; and

WHEREAS, United States of America Offshore Energy represents a significant opportunity to help improve the health of our planet due to its low carbon intensity; and

WHEREAS, President Biden and Department of Interior Secretary Deb Haaland have caused regularly scheduled lease sales for offshore resources, previously authorized by administrations of both political parties, to be canceled resulting in great uncertainty for the economy, the energy, and the environment of America; and

WHEREAS, Terry A. Doughty of the United States District Court recently decided in a suit filed by the States of Louisiana, Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah and West Virginia that the Executive Branch does not have the legal right to stop leasing Federal territory for Oil and Gas production without approval from Congress; and

WHEREAS, the future production of these oil and gas resources and consequently the funding of conservation, recreation, restoration and protection and further consequently the denial of environmentally advantaged, low carbon intensity barrels of production as a substitution for higher carbon intensity barrels of production from foreign sources; all will be negatively impacted by the continued cancellation of offshore lease sales.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby petition President Biden and Secretary Haaland to immediately schedule Lease Sales for the Gulf of Mexico, a historic energy producing province, to assist in producing a larger portfolio of some of the planet's lowest carbon intensity barrels of oil and to assist in producing a larger portfolio of natural gas which can serve the Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) worldwide market; all in an effort to restore confidence, generate economic activity, enhance environmental stewardship, create Americanjobs, and strengthen national and energy security.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to President Biden, Secretary Haaland, the Congressional delegation for the State of Louisiana, the Executive Director of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana, Governor John Bel Edwards, the National Association of Counties, and any other persons, firms, or entities as deemed fit and proper.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier,

Chris Tauzin, Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander and Dean LeBlanc.

NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 6th day of July, 2021.

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A motion was made by David Poirier and seconded by Dean LeBlanc that the following resolution be adopted:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 21-057-RS

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government has made an official call for bids for the Cypress Island/Joe Daigre Drainage System Maintenance Project-Phase I, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the advertisement, sealed bids were opened June 30, 2021, and three (3) complete bid packets were received for said project; and

WHEREAS, the bids were taken under advisement and have been analyzed by Duplantis Design Group, PC (DDG); and

WHEREAS, Duplantis Design Group, PC (DDG) has recommended, in writing, the lowest bidder, Rigid Constructors, LLC, with a Base Bid in the amount of \$1,979,705.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby award the contract for the Cypress Island/Joe Daigre Drainage System Maintenance Project-Phase I, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, to the low bidder, Rigid Constructors, LLC in the amount of \$1,979,705.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby authorize Parish President Chester Cedars to sign all necessary contract documents to effect the award of this contract.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier,

Chris Tauzin, Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander and Dean LeBlanc.

NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 6th day of July, 2021.

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A motion was made by Dean LeBlanc and seconded by David Poirier that the following resolution be adopted:

## **RESOLUTION NO. 21-058-RS**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH POSTLETHWAITE & NETTERVILLE TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONSULTING SERVICES ON BEHALF OF ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT RELATIVE TO THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND ADMINISTRATION.

WHEREAS, on or about March 11, 2021, the United States Congress enacted legislation known as the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; and

WHEREAS, Section 603 of the Act, entitled the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, provides for the allocation of \$130.2 billion for local governmental units throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the allowable uses of the funds by local governmental units is limited to only those purposes and under specific terms and conditions permitted by the subject legislation; and

WHEREAS, the act is voluminous and complex, and there is little guidance available relative to the implementation of the Act; and

WHEREAS, there are "sunset" periods set forth in the legislation relative to the use of the subject funds; and

WHEREAS, St. Martin Parish in entitled to receive up to \$11.3 million provided the necessary allowable uses for the funds can be structured and committed within the sunset periods set forth in the act; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Postlethwaite & Netterville has provided parish governments throughout the State of Louisiana with consulting services relative to other federally funded projects developed and administered pursuant to complex and extensive federal legislation such as the American Rescue Plan Act; and

WHEREAS, Postlethwaite & Netterville and the Parish President, together with his administrative staff, have had several conferences relative to the potential scope of services which the former can provide in the development of plans, budgets, reports associated with, and mandated by, Section 603 of the American Rescue Plan Act; and

WHEREAS, Postlethwaite & Netterville has an office located in Acadiana which is fully staffed with competent grant personnel:

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED that the Parish President be and is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Postlethwaite & Netterville for assistance with navigating and administering funds under the American Rescue Plan Act, inclusive of Section 603, with specific tasks to be determined and fixed according to discretion of the Parish President.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish President be and is hereby authorized and directed to include in the final agreement with Postlethwaite & Netterville such additional terms, conditions, and provisions as he may deem necessary and proper in his discretion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish President be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate this resolution under such terms, conditions, and provisions he deems necessary and proper in his uncontrolled discretion.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier,

Chris Tauzin, Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander and Dean LeBlanc.

NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 6th day of July, 2021.

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Clerk of the Council Brooke Gillespie read ordinances introduced for publication, as follows:

# SUMMARY NO. 1328-OR (Introduced by Byron Fuselier, District 1)

An Ordinance reducing the speed limit to 15 mph on Ulysses Hebert Road, located in District 1.

# SUMMARY NO. 1329-OR (Introduced by Carla JeanBatiste, District 2)

An Ordinance to amend Article I of Chapter 26 of the Code of Ordinances for St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, by the enactment of Section 26-10, all relative to the prohibition of dumping and/or burning of specified substances and providing for penalties for a violation thereof.

# SUMMARY NO. 1330-OR (Introduced by Daniel Richard, Jr., District 9)

An Ordinance amending and/or revising Ordinance No. 20-06-1290-OR relative to the authorization of the confection of an Intergovernmental Agreement for the occupancy by the St. Martin Parish Fire Service District of a Fire Station in Arnaudville.

Prior to adjournment, Parish President Chester Cedars briefed the Council Members on a few matters not requiring Council action. President Cedars stated he will be asking for authorization at the next meeting to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement with Wildlife and Fisheries relative to the structures at Lake Martin and the maintenance thereof. Parish President Chester Cedars noted that St. Martin Parish Government opened bids for the Butte LaRose Pontoon Bridge replacement and all bids were below budget. Parish President Chester Cedars closed by recognizing the St. Martin Parish Government Public Works employees for a job well done on Friday, July 2, 2021. Lime was accidentally dropped over roadways on the north end of the Parish, and crews worked late before the holiday weekend to remove all lyme and make the roads safe for travelers.

A motion was made by Dean LeBlanc seconded by Carla JeanBatiste that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby adjourn. Motion was unanimously approved.

HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE:

BROOKE GILLESPIE

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL