

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING - MARCH 2, 2021**

The St. Martin Parish Council met in Regular Session convened at 5:00 P.M., Tuesday, March 2, 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 Laci Laperouse, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Byron Fuselier.

The following members were present: Byron Fuselier, Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier, Chris Tauzin, Brook Champagne, Vincent Alexander (arrived at 5:26 P.M.), Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr. Members absent: None. Also present: Parish President Chester Cedars, Director of Administration Calder Hebert, Director of Finance Sean Hundley, Director of Public Works Kasey Courville, P.E., and Parish Attorney Allan Durand.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-019-RS**

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING BROOKE GILLESPIE AS CLERK OF THE COUNCIL TO REPLACE LACI LAPEROUSE, ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2-10 OF THE ST. MARTIN PARISH HOME RULE CHARTER.

WHEREAS, Laci Laperouse has advised the St. Martin Parish Council that she will be vacating the position of Clerk of the St. Martin Parish Council, having been appointed Director of Tourism for the Parish; and

WHEREAS, Brooke Gillespie has served for over nine years as the Deputy Clerk of the Council and has demonstrated the necessary skills to assume the position of Clerk of the Council; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-10(A) of the Home Rule Charter for St. Martin Parish permits the Council to appoint the Clerk of the Council by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the salary of all employees of the Council must be fixed by ordinance according to Section 2-10(C) of the Home Rule Charter:

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED that the ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL in accordance with the mandates of Section 2-10(A) of the St. Martin Parish Home Rule Charter does hereby appoint Brooke Gillespie as Clerk of the Council, effective immediately upon vacation of the position by Laci Laperouse.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby fix the salary of Brooke Gillespie at Range 18, Step 9, and hereby declares that this salary shall be formally set at the said Range and Step via the adoption of an ordinance as dictated by Section 2-10(C) of the said charter, the salary being effective immediately upon her assuming the subject position by virtue of this resolution.

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, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT AT VOTING: Vincent Alexander.  
ABSENT: None.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of March, 2021.

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A motion was made by Byron Fuselier and seconded by Carla JeanBatiste to approve the minutes of the St. Martin Parish Council Regular Meeting of February 2, 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, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT AT VOTING: Vincent Alexander.  
ABSENT: None.

And the motion was declared adopted this 2nd day of March, 2021.

Clerk of the Council Brooke Gillespie read Special Business Item A): RULE TO SHOW CAUSE to address nuisance property at Portage Road (Parcel ID: 0140003145), Arnaudville,

Louisiana. Property allegedly owned by Don and Cynthia Begnaud.

After hearing testimony from Parish President Chester Cedars and Compliance Officer Ronald Solarie, and upon reviewing the photographs taken by Mr. Solarie (*on-file*), the Council found that the Rule was moot because the property had been cleared after service of the Rule and was no longer a nuisance. No one appeared on behalf of the owner(s).

Clerk of the Council Brooke Gillespie read Special Business Item B): RULE TO SHOW CAUSE to address nuisance property at 4430-L Poydras Highway, Breaux Bridge, Louisiana. Property allegedly owned by Larry James Eddy.

Property owner, Larry James Eddy, was present to discuss the condition of 4430-L Poydras Highway, Breaux Bridge. Mr. Eddy declared he was delayed on cleaning the property due to unfavorable weather conditions. Parish President Chester Cedars recommended proceeding with the Rule, but allowing Larry James Eddy forty-five (45) days to remediate the condition of the property. After hearing testimony from Parish President Chester Cedars and Compliance Officer Ronald Solarie, and upon reviewing the photographs taken by Mr. Solarie (*on-file*), the Council found that the condition of the property renders it a "Nuisance" as a result of the overgrown grass and debris on the premises.

Therefore, a motion was made by David Poirier and seconded by Byron Fuselier 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, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT AT VOTING: Vincent Alexander.

ABSENT: None.

And the motion was declared adopted this 2nd day of March, 2021.

Clerk of the Council Brooke Gillespie read Special Business Item C): RULE TO SHOW CAUSE to address nuisance property at 1671 Grand Anse Highway, Breaux Bridge, Louisiana. Property allegedly owned by Patricia Weiss.

After testimony from Parish President Chester Cedars, Council Member Dean LeBlanc, and

Compliance Officer Ronald Solarie, and upon reviewing the photographs taken by Mr. Solarie (*on-file*), the Council found that under Section 24-105 and other provisions of the Parish's Code of Ordinances, the condition of the property renders it a "Nuisance" because of the presence of a large patch of bamboo over 550 feet in length and 10-11 feet in width on the property line. No one appeared on behalf of the owner. Property owner Patricia Weiss provided the Council Members with a packet of information (*on-file*) including but not limited to a letter to the Council, photographs of the bamboo, and a maintenance contract.

Therefore, a motion was made by Dean LeBlanc and seconded by Daniel Richard, Jr. 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 Tausin, Brook Champagne, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT AT VOTING: Vincent Alexander.

ABSENT: None.

And the motion was declared adopted this 2nd day of March, 2021.

Clerk of the Council Brooke Gillespie read Special Business Item D:) RULE TO SHOW CAUSE to address nuisance property at 1026 Adele Street, Breaux Bridge, Louisiana. Property allegedly owned by Claytus and Annie Lou Albert.

Parish President Chester Cedars requested this item be postponed until owners of the property can be determined, as Claytus and Annie Lou Albert are deceased.

Clerk of the Council Brooke Gillespie read Special Business Item E:) Council to meet as a Board of Adjustment to consider granting a permitted exception to Kevin Stewart to operate a Christ-centered retreat center at 1120 Tilac Road, Breaux Bridge, Louisiana.

The Council met as a Board of Adjustment to consider granting an exception to Kevin Stewart to operate a Christ-centered retreat center at 1120 and 1120-A Tilac Road, Breaux Bridge, Louisiana. Kevin Stewart was present at this meeting. It was noted this property is currently zoned to allow for this type of business; however, the center is considered an "institution" which requires

approval by Board of Adjustment.

A motion was made by Dean LeBlanc and seconded by Byron Fuselier to grant a permitted exception to Kevin Stewart to open a Christ-centered retreat center at 1120 and 1120-A Tilac Road, Breaux Bridge, Louisiana.

This motion to allow Kevin Stewart to open a Christ-centered retreat center at 1120 and 1120-A Tilac Road, 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, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT AT VOTING: Vincent Alexander.

ABSENT: None.

And the exception was declared adopted this 2nd day of March, 2021.

A St. Martin Parish citizen from the audience questioned Special Business Item C. This citizen was interested in hearing the ramifications of declaring bamboo a nuisance. Parish President Chester Cedars discussed the process of remediating nuisance properties. Parish President Chester Cedars explained the extent of the bamboo on this piece of property and why it is being considered a nuisance.

A motion was made by Dean LeBlanc and seconded by Brook Champagne to open the Public Hearing to obtain public comments regarding the ordinance 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, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT AT VOTING: Vincent Alexander.

ABSENT: None.

And the motion was declared adopted this 2nd day of March, 2021.

Chairman Chris Tauzin asked for public comments regarding the ordinance being considered for final adoption.

Clerk of the Council Brooke Gillespie read the ordinance summary.

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

A motion was made by David Poirier and seconded by Dean LeBlanc 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, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT AT VOTING: Vincent Alexander.

ABSENT: None.

And the motion was declared adopted this 2nd day of March, 2021.

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

### **ORDINANCE NO. 21-03-1313-OR**

An Ordinance to approve revisions and additions to the Policies and Procedures Manual of the St. Martin Parish Government and the amendment of the Parish's Organizational Chart to reflect the independence of the position of Personnel Officer from all other administrative personnel save and except the Parish President.

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2000, the St. Martin Parish Council adopted a policies and procedures manual as required by Section 4-06(E) of the Parish's Home Rule Charter; and

WHEREAS, since its adoption, the said Policies and Procedures Manual has not been the subject of any formal action by the St. Martin Parish Council as regards any revisions or additions thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Parish President has undertaken a comprehensive review, evaluation, and consequential revision of the current policies and procedures manual; and

WHEREAS, despite the dictates of Section 4-03 and Section 4-06(B) of the Home Rule Charter, no personnel officer appointed by the Parish President has been formally approved by the

Parish Council; and

WHEREAS, Parish President Chester R. Cedars has submitted to the St. Martin Parish Council a revised Policies and Procedures Manual requesting formal approval by the St. Martin Parish Council as required by Section 4-06(E) of the Home Rule Charter of St. Martin Parish; and

WHEREAS, Parish President Chester R. Cedars has appointed a Personnel Officer for the administration, and he desires that the organizational chart for the Parish be amended to reflect her independence from all other administrative members of the Parish Government save and except the Parish President, all in accordance with the dictates of the Parish's charter:

BE IT, THEREFORE, ORDAINED that the ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT'S Policies and Procedures Manual as revised, amended, and/or supplemented by Parish President Chester R. Cedars be and is hereby approved, all in accordance with the mandates of Section 4-06(E) of the St. Martin Parish Home Rule Charter.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the organizational chart of St. Martin Parish Government be revised to reflect the independence of the position of Personnel Office from all other administrative personnel save and except the Parish President.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon approval of 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, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT AT VOTING: Vincent Alexander.  
ABSENT: None.

And the Ordinance was declared adopted this 2nd day of March, 2021.

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*(Vincent Alexander arrived at 5:26 P.M.)*

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-020-RS**

**RESOLUTION OF ACCEPTANCE**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE AN ACT OF ACCEPTANCE FROM CERES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC., PERTAINING TO THE COMPLETION OF THE CONTRACT FOR THE PRE-POSITIONED DISASTER DEBRIS REMOVAL – HURRICANE DELTA AND HURRICANE LAURA PROJECT.

WHEREAS, Ceres Environmental Services, Inc., as Contractor, has completed the Pre-Positioned Disaster Debris Removal – Hurricane Delta and Hurricane Laura project in accordance with the plans and specifications contained in the contract documents pertaining thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Council of St. Martin Parish Government desires to accept the completed work:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Martin Parish Government that the President of said St. Martin Parish Government be and is hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to execute a Notice of Acceptance for and on behalf of the St. Martin Parish Government, accepting the work as being completed, and that he be authorized and directed to have a copy of said acceptance recorded in the Conveyance Records of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana.

THEREUPON, the above resolution was declared adopted.

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, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: None.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of March, 2021.

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## NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and especially all subcontractors, architects, engineers, master mechanics, mechanics, workmen, laborers, and furnishers of materials, machinery and fixtures:

Public notice is hereby given, according to law, that the undersigned Owner has accepted the work done by Ceres Environmental Services, Inc., Contractor, domiciled at 6968 Professional Parkway East, Sarasota, FL 34240 under the contract with said firm for the Pre-Positioned Disaster Debris Removal – Hurricane Delta and Hurricane Laura project.

All subcontractors, architects, engineers, master mechanics, mechanics, workmen, laborers, and furnishers of materials, machinery, fixtures and supplies must assert whatever claims they have against the said Contractors or against the property growing out of the execution of the contract according to law, within forty-five (45) days from registration hereof.

/s/Chester R. Cedars  
CHESTER CEDARS, PARISH PRESIDENT  
ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT  
ST MARIN PARISH, LOUISIANA

March 2, 2021

Chief Demographer Michael Hefner of Geographic Planning and Demographic Services, LLC gave a brief description of what the reapportionment process entails, and also a timeline (*on-file*) of events that must take place.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-021-RS**

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council desires to retain the Geographic Planning and Demographic Services, LLC, represented by Michael Hefner, Managing Owner, for the purpose of completing the 2020 Voting Districts Reapportionment Plan and obtaining pre-clearance of said plan from the U.S. Department of Justice as required under the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 for the St. Martin Parish Council and Section 2-02 of the St. Martin Parish Council Home Rule Charter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby authorize, direct and empower the Parish President to execute an agreement with Geographic Planning and Demographic Services, LLC for professional services to the St. Martin Parish Council, and to incorporate into the said accord such terms, conditions, and provisions he deems necessary.

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, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: None.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of March, 2021.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-022-RS**

WHEREAS, the Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory (ACL) Commission consists of the district attorneys, sheriffs, and police jury/council representatives for Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, and Vermilion parishes; and

WHEREAS, the law that provides for funding the laboratory (R.S. 40:2266) requires that the budget be approved annually by a majority of the Police Juries and Parish Councils represented on the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic slowed down the progress of the planning and design phase for a new crime lab via State Capital Outlay; and

WHEREAS, as a result, it was necessary for the Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory to prepare and submit an Amended Budget for 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory Amended Budget for 2020 was approved and adopted at the ACL Commission meeting on December 22, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council, in Regular Session convened this 2nd day of March, 2021, does hereby approve the Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory Amended Budget for the year 2020, as presented.

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, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: None.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of March, 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. 21-023-RS**

A Resolution approving the appointment of a Personnel Director or Officer by the Parish President as provided by Section 4-03 and Section 4-06(B) of the St. Martin Parish Home Rule Charter.

WHEREAS, the Policies and Procedures Manual of St. Martin Parish Government references the position of “personnel officer” which is established by Sections 4-03 and 4-06 of Home Rule Charter of St. Martin Parish; and

WHEREAS, despite the dictates of Section 4-03 and Section 4-06(B) of the said Home Rule Charter, no personnel officer appointed by the Parish President has ever been formally approved by the Parish Council; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 21-03-1313-OR revises the Parish’s Organizational Chart to reflect that the position of Personnel Officer shall enjoy independence from all other administrative positions save and except the Parish President, all in accordance with the expressed and implied dictates of the Parish’s Home Rule Charter; and

WHEREAS, Parish President Chester R. Cedars has appointed Kim Duplechain as the Personnel Officer for the administration, and he desires that her appointment be approved by the St. Martin Parish Council in accordance with the dictates of the Parish’s Home Rule Charter:

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED that the ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL in accordance with the mandates of Section 4-06(E) of the St. Martin Parish Home Rule Charter does hereby confirm the appointment of Kim Duplechain as Personnel Officer for St. Martin Parish.

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, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: None.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of March, 2021.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-024-RS**

WHEREAS, a contract for the Cade Cabana and Beach Volleyball Project, was awarded to low bidder, JC Construction, L.L.C., with a Base Bid in the amount of \$1,190,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Vermilion Architects, L.L.C. has recommended Change Order No. 3 with no dollar amount change; and

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 3 includes a Thirty-Five (35) day Contract Time extension.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby authorize, direct and empower the Parish President to execute Change Order No. 3 for a Thirty-Five (35) day Contract Time extension for the Cade Cabana and Beach Volleyball Project, by JC Construction, L.L.C.

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, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: None.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of March, 2021.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-025-RS**

**RESOLUTION OF ACCEPTANCE**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT, ST. MARTIN PARISH, LOUISIANA, A CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION, PERTAINING TO THE CADE PARK CABANA AND BEACH VOLLEYBALL PROJECT, ST. MARTIN PARISH, LOUISIANA.

WHEREAS, JC Construction, L.L.C., 228 Jared Drive, Broussard, Louisiana 70518, has substantially completed the work on the Cade Park Cabana and Beach Volleyball Project, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Martin Parish Council, that Parish President Chester Cedars be and he is hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to execute a Certificate of Substantial Completion for and on behalf of the St. Martin Parish Government accepting the work on the Cade Park Cabana and Beach Volleyball Project, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, as being complete.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that he be authorized and directed to have a copy of said Certificate recorded in the mortgage records of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.

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, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: None.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of March, 2021.

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**NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and especially all subcontractors, architects, engineers, master-mechanics, workmen, laborers, and furnishers of material, machinery, and fixtures.

Public Notice is given, according to law, that the undersigned Owner has accepted the work done by JC Construction, L.L.C., 228 Jared Drive, Broussard, Louisiana 70518, under its contract with said Firm pertaining to the Cade Park Cabana and Beach Volleyball Project, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.

All subcontractors, architects, engineers, master-mechanics, workmen, laborers, and furnishers of materials, machinery, fixtures, and supplies must assert whatever claims they have against the said Contractor, growing out of the execution of the Contract.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at St. Martin Parish, Louisiana on this 2nd day of March, 2021.

OWNER: ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT

BY: /s/Chester R. Cedars

Parish President Chester R. Cedars

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-026-RS**

WHEREAS, a contract for the Poche Road Bridge Repairs Project, was awarded to low bidder, M. Matt Durand L.L.C., with a Base Bid in the amount of \$135,600.00; and

WHEREAS, Huval & Associates has recommended Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$19,500.00 (increase).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby authorize, direct and empower the Parish President to execute Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$19,500.00 (increase) Poche Road Bridge Repairs Project, by M. Matt Durand, L.L.C.

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, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: None.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of March, 2021.

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

SUMMARY NO. 1314-OR (Introduced by David Poirier, District 4)

An Ordinance providing for a stop sign on Robert Street at its intersection of Lucien Street, located in District 4.

SUMMARY NO. 1315-OR (Introduced by Chris Tauzin, District 5)

An Ordinance confirming the employment of Brooke Gillespie as Clerk of the Council and setting the salary for said position as required by Section 2-10 of the St. Martin Parish Home Rule Charter.

Prior to adjournment, Parish President Chester Cedars touched on one informational item not requiring Council action. Parish President Chester Cedars noted that the Highway 90 corridor in St. Martin Parish and our SMEDA Park will soon have broadband internet. This is being made possible



by an Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant. LUS Fiber was awarded the grant. Parish President Chester Cedars deferred all other comments to Chairman Chris Tauzin. Chairman Tauzin announced that this is the last meeting for outgoing Clerk of the Council Laci Laperouse, as she was named the Executive Director of Tourism for St. Martin Parish. Chairman Chris Tauzin presented Laci Laperouse with a plaque for her years of outstanding dedication and service.

Outgoing Clerk Laci Laperouse thanked the Council Members for allowing her to serve as their clerk for the last eleven (11) years. Ms. Laperouse also thanked her family and friends for their support and wished newly appointed Clerk of the Council Brooke Gillespie best of luck in her new endeavors. Ms. Laperouse acknowledged longtime colleague Lesley Thibodeaux for all of her support through the years. Lastly, outgoing Council Clerk Laci Laperouse recognized Parish President Chester Cedars for giving her this new opportunity.

Former Council Members Lisa Nelson and Jason Willis thanked Ms. Laci Laperouse for her superb service to the Council during her time in the Clerk of the Council position. Council Members Dean LeBlanc and Tangie Narcisse also thanked Ms. Laperouse and wished her the best in her new position. Finally, Parish President Chester Cedars expressed his excitement to have Ms. Laci Laperouse on his team, stating she was the perfect candidate for the job.

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

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE:

  
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BROOKE GILLESPIE  
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL