

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

### **REGULAR MEETING - NOVEMBER 2, 2021**

The St. Martin Parish Council met in Regular Session convened at 5:00 P.M., Tuesday, November 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 Vice-Chairman Daniel Richard, Jr.

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

The following members were present: Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier, Vincent Alexander, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr. Members absent: Byron Fuselier (excused), Chris Tauzin (excused) and Brook Champagne (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 Dean LeBlanc and seconded by Tangie Narcisse to approve the minutes of the St. Martin Parish Council Regular Meeting of October 5, 2021.

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

YEAS: Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier, Vincent Alexander, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Byron Fuselier (excused), Chris Tauzin (excused) and Brook Champagne (excused).

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

A motion was made by Tangie Narcisse and seconded by David Poirier to approve the minutes of the St. Martin Parish Council Special Meeting of October 19, 2021.

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

YEAS: Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier, Vincent Alexander, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Byron Fuselier (excused), Chris Tauzin (excused) and Brook Champagne (excused).  
And the motion was declared adopted this 2nd day of November, 2021.

Clerk of the Council Brooke Gillespie read the Special Business Item: RULE TO SHOW CAUSE to address nuisance property at 1007 Mason Road, Arnaudville. Property owned by the unopened succession of Euna Hebert.

Property owner(s) was not present to discuss the condition of 1007 Mason Road, Arnaudville. Compliance Officer Ronald Solarie stated Attorney Keith Thibodcaux sent certified letters to find the property owners, but they were returned unopened. After hearing testimony from Mr. Ronald Solarie and upon reviewing the photographs taken by Mr. 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 overgrown grass and dilapidated structure on the premises.

Therefore, a motion was made by Dean LeBlanc and seconded by David Poirier 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: Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier, Vincent Alexander, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Byron Fuselier (excused), Chris Tauzin (excused) and Brook Champagne (excused).

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

A motion was made by Tangie Narcisse and seconded by Carla JeanBatiste 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: Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier, Vincent Alexander, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Byron Fuselier (excused), Chris Tauzin (excused) and Brook Champagne (excused).

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

Vice-Chairman Daniel Richard, Jr. asked for public comment regarding the proposed

ordinance being considered for final adoption.

Clerk of the Council Brooke Gillespie read the Ordinance Summary.

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

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

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

YEAS: Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier, Vincent Alexander, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Byron Fuselier (excused), Chris Tausin (excused) and Brook Champagne (excused).

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

**Insert Ordinance No. 21-11-1336-OR**

A motion was made by Dean LeBlanc and seconded by Tangie Narcisse that the following ordinance be adopted:

**ORDINANCE NO. 21-11-1336-OR**

A Statement of Determination on whether redistricting of the St. Martin Parish Council Election Districts is necessary following the release of the 2020 Census Counts and providing further with respect thereto.

- Section 1:** The Census 2020 count has been completed and the PL 94-171 reapportionment data was delivered to the State of Louisiana on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August 2021.
- Section 2:** The St. Martin Parish Council, under LA RS: 33:1411 must make a determination whether reapportionment is necessary with the Census 2020 population count.
- Section 3:** The Council commissioned a study to calculate the new Census 2020 counts for each election district.
- Section 4:** The current districts have the following Census 2020 population numbers:

St. Martin Parish Council 2020 Election District Population Determinations							
District	District Population	Deviation	% Deviation	White	% White	Black	% Black
1	5,517	-235	-4%	4,684	85%	580	11%
2	5,208	-544	-9%	2,289	44%	2,552	49%
3	4,669	-1083	-19%	1,997	43%	2,138	52%
4	6,640	888	15%	5,148	78%	1,106	17%
5	6,045	293	5%	4,549	75%	1,169	19%
6	6,169	417	7%	3,867	63%	1,855	30%
7	5,452	-300	-5%	1,949	36%	3,201	59%
8	5,998	246	4%	4,447	74%	787	13%
9	6,069	317	6%	4,329	71%	1,111	23%

- Section 5:** Districts 2, 3, 4, 6, and 9 are outside the allowable +/-5% deviation from the ideal district population of 5,752.
- Section 6:** The St. Martin Parish Council hereby ordains that a reapportionment of the election district boundaries must commence in order to rebalance the district populations to within +/-5% of the ideal district population of 5,752 and that such plan, as adopted by the Council, be submitted to the U.S. Department of Justice for Section 5 Pre-Clearance, if required, by January 31, 2023, and the State of Louisiana no later than June 7, 2023.

**Section 7:** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the St. Martin Parish Council and approval by the Parish President in accordance with the St. Martin Parish Home Rule Charter.

All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Should any provision of this ordinance, or the application thereof, be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

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

- YEAS: Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier, Vincent Alexander, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
- NAYS: None.
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT: Byron Fuselier (excused), Chris Tauzin (excused), and Brook Champagne (excused).

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-086-RS**

WHEREAS, according to the St. Martin Parish Home Rule Charter, Section 2.09. Independent Audit, “The Council shall provide for an annual independent post fiscal year audit, and such additional audits as it deems necessary, of the accounts and other evidence of financial transactions of the Parish government, including those of all parish government departments, offices or agencies”; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of St. Martin has engaged the services of Maraist & Maraist Certified Public Accountants for the past several years to conduct their annual audit; and

WHEREAS, the Parish is satisfied with the quality of services rendered and the reasonableness of the fees charged for said audit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council, in Regular Session convened this 2nd day of November, 2021, does hereby approve engaging the services of Maraist & Maraist Certified Public Accountants to conduct the annual audit for the year 2021 for St. Martin Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the St. Martin Parish Council, that the Parish President be and he is hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to execute an “Engagement Agreement” with Maraist & Maraist CPAs for the year 2021 audit.

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

YEAS: Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier, Vincent Alexander, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Byron Fuselier (excused), Chris Tauzin (excused) and Brook Champagne (excused).

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-087-RS**

WHEREAS, Louisiana has approximately 326,000 veterans who have worn its nation's uniform in defense of freedom; and

WHEREAS, we can never repay our debt to our veterans for the privilege of liberty, for it is beyond any tangible price, but we can show our gratitude and appreciation for their exemplary deeds; and

WHEREAS, our Armed Forces have earned a special day, in which Louisiana's citizens – and more particularly the citizens of St. Martin Parish – may focus on their heroic accomplishments, and pay tribute with our hearts and minds to our living veterans and their deceased comrades, remembering to visit them in their places of rest, our hospitals and their homes; and

WHEREAS, in order that we pay meaningful tribute to those men and women who proudly served in our Armed Forces, Congress has provided that November 11th shall be set aside each year as a legal public holiday to honor America's veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Martin Parish Council, in Regular Session convened this 2nd day of November, 2021, that the Council does hereby proclaim Thursday, November 11, 2021, as

**VETERANS DAY**

in St. Martin Parish and in recognition of their valor, the Council urges all citizens of St. Martin Parish to join in a fitting salute to our veterans by commemorating the day with proper observances, public tribute, ceremonial and private prayers for those who so served.

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

YEAS: Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier, Vincent Alexander, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Byron Fuselier (excused), Chris Tauzin (excused) and Brook Champagne (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of November, 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. 21-088-RS**

A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF RISK AND RESILIENCE ASSESSMENT AND ACCOMPANYING CERTIFICATION OF THE HENDERSON-NINA WATER SYSTEM, INC., ALL RELATIVE TO THE FY 2022/2023 LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION.

WHEREAS, by virtue of Resolution Number 21-036-RS adopted on April 6, 2021, the St. Martin Parish Council approved the submission of a FY 2022/2023 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (“LCDBG”) Public Facilities Application; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the LCDBG grant is to assist in the funding of a water system improvement project which is embraced by that certain Cooperative Endeavor Agreement executed between the Parish and Henderson-Nina Water System, Inc., dated September 19, 2018; and

WHEREAS, an integral part of the submission of the grant application is the completion of a risk and resiliency assessment relative to the Henderson-Nina Water System, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Henderson-Nina Water System, Inc., acting through its Manager, Ray Robin, has certified that it has completed a Risk and Resilience Assessment; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid assessment and a certification thereof has been presented to the St. Martin Parish Council:



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL that it acknowledges the receipt and approval of the Risk and Resilience Assessment, together with a Certification of Completion of Assessment submitted by Ray Robin, dated September 25, 2020, and hereby approves of same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Risk and Resilience Assessment and accompanying certification be submitted to the Office of Community Development for the State of Louisiana in connection with the FY 2022/2023 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Public Facilities Application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

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

YEAS: Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier, Vincent Alexander, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Byron Fuselier (excused), Chris Tauzin (excused) and Brook Champagne (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of November, 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. 21-089-RS**

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government has made an official call for bids for the Bayou Benoit - General Site Upgrades Project, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the advertisement, sealed bids were opened October 13, 2021, and nine (9) complete bid packets were received for said project; and

WHEREAS, the bids were taken under advisement and have been analyzed by A&E Consultants, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, A&E Consultants, Inc. has recommended, in writing, the lowest bidder,

Landry's Construction Services, LLC, with a low bid in the amount of \$187,237.90.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby award the contract for the General Site Upgrades Project, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, to the low bidder, Landry's Construction Services, LLC, in the amount of \$187,237.90.

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: Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier, Vincent Alexander, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Byron Fuselier (excused), Chris Tausin (excused) and Brook Champagne (excused).

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

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

### **RESOLUTION NO. 21-090-RS**

RESOLUTION OF THE ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL APPROVING THE AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATION OF PEPPERS UNLIMITED OF LOUISIANA, INC. (APPLICATION NUMBER 20190509-ITE), ALL RELATIVE TO AN EXEMPTION OF 80% OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR TEN YEARS.

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 21(F) of the Louisiana Constitution provides that the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry ("Board"), with the approval of the Governor of the State of Louisiana ("Governor") may enter into contracts for the exemption of ad valorem taxes for certain industrial and manufacturing ventures; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has established the terms and conditions pursuant to which he will approve contracts for the Industrial Tax Exemption ("Exemption"); and, the Board has promulgated

Rules pursuant to which it will approve contracts, all in accordance with Article VII, Section 21(F) of the Louisiana Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has declared that no Exemption shall be allowed unless approved by the local taxing authorities of the Parish in which the industrial enterprise operates; and

WHEREAS, Peppers Unlimited of Louisiana, Inc. has applied for an Industrial Tax Exemption under Application Number 20190509-ITE; and

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2021, the Board of Commerce and Industry approved the aforesaid application of Peppers Unlimited of Louisiana, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Peppers Unlimited of Louisiana, Inc. has signed an agreement with the Louisiana Department of Economic Development setting forth various terms and obligations associated with the approval and implementation of the Exemption including the obligation of Peppers Unlimited of Louisiana, Inc. to create and fill every year an additional job(s) at the annual salary/salaries of set forth in the said agreement over the ten year period of the Exemption; and

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish School Board and the Sheriff of St. Martin Parish have approved the Exemption; and

WHEREAS, after due consideration, the St. Martin Parish Council concludes that the Exemption, together with terms and conditions associated therewith and as set forth in the aforementioned accord confected with the Louisiana Department of Economic Development comport with the dictates of economic development and therefore inures to the overall benefit of St. Martin Parish:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Martin Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2021, that the Industrial Tax Exemption of Peppers Unlimited of Louisiana, Inc. (Application Number 20190509) be and is hereby formally and officially approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all of the terms, conditions, and provisions of the agreement between Peppers Unlimited of Louisiana, Inc. and the Louisiana Department of Economic Development confected in connection with the extant Industrial Tax Exemption Application (Application Number 20190509) be and are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or

applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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

YEAS: Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier, Vincent Alexander, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Byron Fuselier (excused), Chris Gauzin (excused) and Brook Champagne (excused).

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

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

### **RESOLUTION NO. 21-091-RS**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH OF ST. MARTIN (HEREIN REFERRED TO AS THIS "GOVERNMENTAL UNIT") TO JOIN WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS AS A PARTICIPANT IN THE LOUISIANA STATE-LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPIOID LITIGATION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (THE "MOU") AND ANY SUBSEQUENT FORMAL AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE MOU, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT PARTICIPATION FORM(S) IN EXHIBIT K OF THE DISTRIBUTOR SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND THE JANSSEN SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, the Parish of St. Martin has suffered harm from the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of St. Martin recognizes that the entire State of Louisiana has suffered harm as a result from the said opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana has a pending action in state court, and a number of Louisiana Cities and Parishes have also filed an action in the proceedings entitled, "In re: National

Prescription Opiate Litigation”, MDL No. 2804 (N.D. Ohio) (the “Opioid Litigation”); and

WHEREAS, the Parish of St. Martin is likewise a litigating participant in that action; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney General for the State of Louisiana and lawyers representing various local governments involved in the Opioid Litigation have proposed a unified plan for the allocation and use of prospective settlement dollars from opioid related litigation; and

WHEREAS, counsel in the foregoing litigation have prepared a document entitled “Louisiana State-Local Government Opioid Litigation Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”), which can be accessed at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/>; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Memorandum of Understanding (the “MOU”) sets forth a framework of a unified plan for the proposed allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds and it is anticipated that formal agreements implementing the MOU will be entered into at a future date; and

WHEREAS, participation in the MOU by a large majority of Louisiana cities and parishes will materially increase the amount of funds to Louisiana and should improve Louisiana’s relative bargaining position during additional settlement negotiations; and

WHEREAS, failure to participate in the MOU will reduce funds available to the State, the Parish of St. Martin, and every other Louisiana city and Parish:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

SECTION 1. The St. Martin Parish Government finds that participation in the MOU would be in the best interest of the Parish and its citizens in that such a plan ensures that almost all of the settlement funds shall be expended to abate and resolve the opioid epidemic and each and every City and Parish receives funds for the harm that it has suffered.

SECTION 2. St. Martin Parish Government hereby expresses its support of a unified plan for the allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds as generally described in the MOU, attached hereto as Exhibit “A.”

SECTION 3. John F. Young, Attorney at law, is hereby expressly authorized to execute the MOU in substantially the form contained in Exhibit “A.”

SECTION 4. Chester R. Cedars, Parish President, be and is hereby authorized to execute any formal agreements implementing a unified plan for the allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds that is not substantially inconsistent with the MOU and this Resolution including but not

limited to the Subdivision Settlement Participation Form(s) in the Distributor Settlement Agreement and the Janssen Settlement Agreement.

SECTION 5. The Clerk of the Council be and is hereby directed to furnish a certified copy of this Resolution to:

Attorney General Jeff Landry  
c/o Bill Stiles  
Post Office Box 94005  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

SECTION 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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

YEAS: Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier, Vincent Alexander, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Byron Fuselier (excused), Chris Tauzin (excused) and Brook Champagne (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of November, 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. 21-092-RS**

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL TO CREATE CONSOLIDATED WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 4 OF THE PARISH OF ST. MARTIN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, AND PROVIDING FOR THE HEARING OF ANY AND ALL OBJECTIONS TO THE CREATION THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the Home Rule Charter of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana, as well as the provisions of Chapter 22 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:7702 *et seq.*) (the "Act"), and other constitutional and statutory authority, permits the

St. Martin Parish Council (the "Parish Council"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), to create one or more consolidated waterworks districts in the Parish; and

WHEREAS, this Parish Council previously created Waterworks District No. 4 of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana ("Waterworks District No. 4") and now desires to consolidate Waterworks District No. 4 with certain other incorporated and unincorporated areas of the Parish not currently included within the territory of any waterworks district or consolidated waterworks district, including consolidating certain governmental functions of said districts; and

WHEREAS, it is now the desire of this Parish Council to declare its intention to create Consolidated Waterworks District No. 4 of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana to consist of all of the territory described in the Notice of Intention authorized herein;

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

SECTION 1. In compliance with the Act, the Governing Authority declares its intention to create Consolidated Waterworks District No. 4 of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana (the "District"), which shall comprise and embrace all of the territory described in the Notice of Intention authorized herein.

SECTION 2. In compliance with the Act, this Parish Council shall meet in open and public session at its regular meeting place, the Parish Council Meeting Room, 301 W. Port Street, St. Martinville, Louisiana, on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., Louisiana Time, for the purpose of hearing any and all objections to the creation of the District, and, after disposing of any and all objections, this Parish Council shall, if it determines to do so, adopt an ordinance creating the District.

SECTION 3. The Clerk of this Parish Council is hereby directed to publish a Notice of Intention to create District in the official journal of this Parish Council once a week for two successive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than fifteen (15) days before the date above fixed for the hearing. Said Notice of Intention shall be in the form attached as Exhibit A hereto.

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

YEAS: Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcissc, David Poirier, Vincent Alexander, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Byron Fuselier (excused), Chris Tauzin (excused) and Brook Champagne (excused).

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

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/s/ Brooke Gillespie  
Clerk of Council

/s/ Chester R. Cedars  
Parish President



EXHIBIT A

FORM OF NOTICE OF INTENTION

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 22, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:7702 *et seq.*), and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, and a resolution adopted by the St. Martin Parish Council (the "Parish Council"), the governing authority of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), on November 2, 2021, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the intention of the Parish Council to create Consolidated Waterworks District No. 4 of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana (the "Consolidated District"), which shall comprise and embrace all of the following boundaries:

That certain area highlighted in blue on that certain plat entitled, "St. Martin Parish Water Consolidation Map", prepared by Sellers & Associates, Inc., dated April 2021, a copy of which is appended hereto and made a part hereof; the said areas containing such boundaries and dimensions as shown and depicted on the said plat.

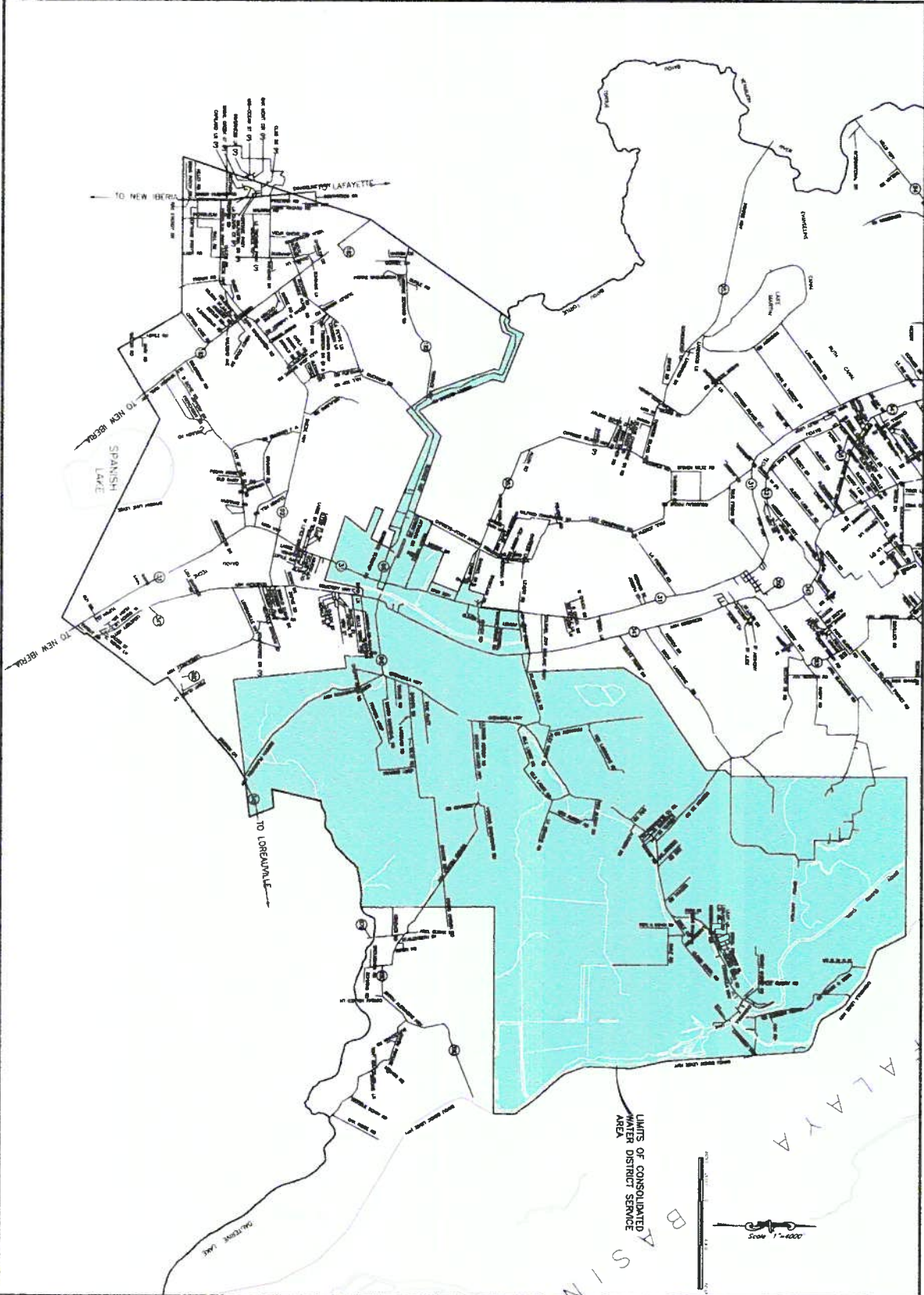
Said boundaries include all of the territory of Waterworks District No. 4 of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana ("District No. 4"). As of the date of this notice, District No. 4 has no outstanding indebtedness. Said boundaries include all of the territory of the City of St. Martinville, State of Louisiana (the "City"). As of the date of this notice, the City has no outstanding indebtedness secured by and payable from the revenues of its waterworks system.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Parish Council will meet in open session at its regular meeting place, the Parish Council Meeting Room, 301 W. Port Street, St. Martinville, Louisiana, on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., Louisiana Time, and will at that time, hear any and all objections to the creation of the Consolidated District and to the inclusion of the property proposed to be included in the Consolidated District, and after disposing of any and all objections, if it determines to do so, will adopt an ordinance creating the Consolidated District.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at St. Martinville, Louisiana, on this, the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2021.

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/s/ Brooke Gillespie  
Clerk of Council

*Insert Map*



**ENGINEERS**  
**LLC**  
**1-A**

**ST. MARTIN PARISH WATER CONSOLIDATION MAP**  
 (COMPRISING CATAHOULA, CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE & ST. MARTIN INDUSTRIAL PARK WATER SYSTEMS)  
 FOR  
**ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT**

**SHEET DESCRIPTION**  
**AREA MAP**

**Sellers & Associates, Inc.**  
 ENGINEERS SURVEYORS  
 1401 N. Bay Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601 (504) 938-4771

REVISIONS		
NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION



A motion was made by Dean LeBlanc and seconded by the entire Parish Council, and, therefore, unanimously adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-093-RS**

A RESOLUTION DIRECTED TO THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE TO MAINTAIN THE CURRENT GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES OF SENATE DISTRICT 22 DURING THE 2022 REDISTRICTING OF LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS MANDATED BY LAW.

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 6 of the Louisiana Constitution requires the Louisiana Legislature to reapportion the representation in each chamber as equally as practical on the basis of population demonstrated by each census conducted every ten years; and

WHEREAS, redistricting must adhere to the equal protection provisions of the Constitutions of both the United States and State of Louisiana, as well as the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court has declared that each legislative district must to as great an extent possible reflect an equality of population; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court has further acknowledged that a redistricting plan must reflect district which are compact, preserves cores of prior districts, and contain a population which is equal to the quotient of the total population of the state divided by the number of districts (the "ideal population"); and

WHEREAS, every district should deviate no greater than 5% from the ideal population; and

WHEREAS, any redistricting plan should afford consideration to traditional district alignments to the extent practicable; and

WHEREAS, Senate District Number 22 currently encompasses the entire upper portion of St. Martin Parish, the majority of Iberia Parish, and small sections of St. Mary and St. Landry Parishes; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Census reflects that the ideal population of a Senate District is 119,429; and

WHEREAS, the current population of Senate District 22 is only .4% greater than the ideal population of a senate district according to the 2020 Census; and

WHEREAS, the current major demographic data of Iberia Parish is 56%/35%/6% White/Black/Hispanic while that of St. Martin Parish is 64%/31%/5% White/Black/Hispanic; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid demographic data substantially similar to that of the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Senate District 22 has included St. Martin Parish and Iberia Parish for over fifty years; and

WHEREAS, St. Martin and Iberia Parish enjoy a unique commonality as regards agriculture, aquaculture, tourism, and other economic engines; and

WHEREAS, St. Martin Parish and Iberia Parish have common issues including but not limited to drainage, roads, bridges, broadband, and other critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the cultural and ancestral history of both Parishes are substantially similar; and

WHEREAS, St. Martin Parish and Iberia Parish are part of the same judicial district, court of appeal circuit, and supreme court district; and

WHEREAS, the local leaders of each Parish have developed long standing and productive relationship which promote harmony and effective rendition of services to their respective constituents; and

WHEREAS, all of the criteria which are legislatively and constitutionally required to be considered in redistricting predominate in favor of maintaining the current geographical boundaries of Senate District 22, thus preserving the current geographical boundaries and relationships, all without offense to those constitutional dictates and the laws of the United States and State of Louisiana:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council and St. Martin Parish President hereby declare and urge the Louisiana Legislature maintain the current geographical boundaries of Senate District Number 22 during the redistricting which is mandated in 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Government through both the Parish Council and Parish President assert that the disturbance of the current boundaries of Senate District Number 22 would grossly offend the redistrict criteria set forth by the constitutions and laws of the State of Louisiana and the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Sharon Hewitt, Chairperson of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, the Honorable John Stefanski, Chairperson of the House & Governmental Affairs Committee, Honorable Fred Mills, Honorable Mike Huval, and any and all other representatives of Iberia Parish and St. Martin Parish, Governor John Bel Edwards, the Executive Director of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana, 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: Carla JeanBatiste, Tangie Narcisse, David Poirier, Vincent Alexander, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
- NAYS: None.
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT: Byron Fuselier (excused), Chris Tauzin (excused) and Brook Champagne (excused).

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

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

SUMMARY NO. 1337-OR (Introduced by Brook Champagne, District 6)  
An Ordinance to adopt the Sinking Fund and Operating and Maintenance Budgets for the Year 2022.

SUMMARY NO. 1338-OR (Introduced by Dean LeBlanc, District 8)  
An Ordinance to adopt the Parish Capital Outlay Budget for the Year 2022.

SUMMARY NO. 1339-OR (Introduced by Chris Tauzin, District 5)  
An Ordinance to allow for the reduction of the drainage servitude on Lateral (L-34G) of the drainage system of St. Martin Parish Government from the current statutory limit of one hundred (100) feet to a limit of twenty-five (25) feet only on property where the Parish maintained canal traverses from the northern to the northeastern boundary of Grand Point Estates Subdivision, located off La Hwy 347, Grand Loop (District 5), in Section 4, Township 9 South, Range 6 East, St. Martin Parish, as described on the attached plat of survey dated October 28, 2006, and prepared by Mohammad S. Borazjani, Registered Professional Land Surveyor.

SUMMARY NO. 1340-OR (Introduced by Chris Tauzin, District 5)

An Ordinance to allow for the reduction of the drainage servitude on Main (M-34) of the drainage system of St. Martin Parish Government from the current statutory limit of one hundred (100) feet to a limit of fifty (50) feet only on property where the Parish maintained canal traverses from the western to the southwestern boundary of Grand Point Estates Subdivision, located off La Hwy 347, Grand Loop (District 5), in Section 4, Township 9 South, Range 6 East, St. Martin Parish, as described on the attached plat of survey dated October 28, 2006, and prepared by Mohammad S. Borazjani, Registered Professional Land Surveyor.

SUMMARY NO. 1341-OR (Introduced by Chris Tauzin, District 5)

An Ordinance creating Consolidated Waterworks District No. 4 of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana, describing the territory to compose the district and the boundaries thereof, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

SUMMARY NO. 1342-OR (Introduced by Chris Tauzin, District 5)

An Ordinance to amend the road name of "Devillier Road" to "Tomato Lane".

Prior to adjournment Parish President Chester Cedars updated the Council Members on several items not requiring Council action. Parish President Chester Cedars announced that Waste Connections Bayou is moving quickly to ensure a smooth transition come January 1, 2022. On November 1, 2021, Parish President Chester Cedars visited their facility and conducted a video answering common questions about the new services. Waste Connections has mailed out postcards to those in the unincorporated areas of the parish, and they will be mailing an informative flyer in December. Finally, President Cedars announced the sites for the recycling centers: Grand Bois Fire Station, Cecilia Civic Center, South Barn, and Stephenville Park.

Parish President Chester Cedars announced that the Parks Volunteer Fire Department has gone from a Class 6 PIAL rating to a Class 4 rating. President Cedars acknowledged the hard work of Fire District Coordinator Brody Miller and Training Officer David Douget.

Parish President Chester Cedars mentioned that an inmate started a fire at the jail last week, activating the sprinkler system. The elevators temporarily stopped working but are now in operation. Parish President Chester Cedars announced that the Henderson Lake Drawdown ended on November 1, 2021. The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries requested an extension, but it was denied by President Cedars. In closing, President Cedars reminded everyone of the Sales Tax District No. 1 renewal on the ballot for November 13, 2021.

A motion was made by David Poirier and seconded by Tangie Narcisse 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