

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING - OCTOBER 4, 2022

The St. Martin Parish Council met in Regular Session convened at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 4, 2022, 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 Thibodeaux, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dean LeBlanc.

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 Byron Fuselier and seconded by Dean LeBlanc to approve the minutes of the St. Martin Parish Council Regular Meeting of September 6, 2022.

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 4th day of October, 2022.

A motion was made by Byron Fuselier and seconded by Dean LeBlanc to approve the minutes of the St. Martin Parish Council Special Meeting of September 20, 2022.

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 4th day of October, 2022.

Shandi Tyler and Nicole Angelle shared information and goals for the St. Martin Parish Early Childhood Network.

Ledricka Johnson Thierry introduced herself and announced her candidacy for Judge, Third Circuit Court of Appeal, Third District.

Ward 1 Justice of the Peace Neal Trahan addressed the Council on proposed increase in compensation for St. Martin Parish Justices of the Peace.

Bill Pondrom, Brushmasters, LLC gave an update and answered questions from the Council regarding canal and roadside spraying operations.

Council Member Byron Fuselier stepped out at 5:50 p.m. and returned at 5:51 p.m.

A motion was made by David Poirier and seconded by Carla JeanBatiste to acknowledge receipt of the Year 2023 Sinking Fund and Operating and Maintenance Budgets and to approve the following Call For Public Hearing for the Year 2023 Sinking Fund and Operating and Maintenance Budgets.

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 4th day of October, 2022.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

THE ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2022, AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE CARROLL J. FUSELIER MEETING ROOM, ANNEX BUILDING, 301 WEST PORT STREET, ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING PUBLIC INPUT ON THE **YEAR 2023 SINKING FUND AND OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE BUDGETS.**

COPIES OF THE PROPOSED BUDGETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M., MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 23, 2022 THRU DECEMBER 6, 2022) IN THE ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT FINANCE DEPARTMENT, ST. MARTIN PARISH ANNEX BUILDING, 301 WEST PORT STREET, ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA.

ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL
CHRIS TAUZIN, CHAIRMAN
BROOKE THIBODEAUX, CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

ADV: November 23, 2022
November 30, 2022

A motion was made by Brook Champagne and seconded by Dean LeBlanc to acknowledge receipt of the Year 2023 Parish Capital Outlay Budget and to approve the following Call For Public Hearing for the Year 2023 Parish Capital Outlay Budget.

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 4th day of October, 2022.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

THE ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2022, AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE CARROLL J. FUSELIER MEETING ROOM, ANNEX BUILDING, 301 WEST PORT STREET, ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING PUBLIC INPUT ON THE **YEAR 2023 PARISH CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET**.

COPIES OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M., MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 23, 2022 THRU DECEMBER 6, 2022) IN THE ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT FINANCE DEPARTMENT, ST. MARTIN PARISH ANNEX BUILDING, 301 WEST PORT STREET, ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA.

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ADV: November 23, 2022
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Clerk of the Council Brooke Thibodeaux read Special Business Item C: Conduct Public Hearing to hear comments on values of property for assessment purposes fixed by the St. Martin Parish Assessor. {The Parish Council sits as a Board of Review to hear any complaints of values of property for assessment purposes set by the Assessor. The Board of Review can only hear the written or oral complaint of any qualified person, which has provided notice to the Board of Review at least 7 days prior to tonight's public hearing, either through appearing in person at its office or by filing such appeal by means of certified mail.}

A motion was made by Carla JeanBatiste and seconded by Tangie Narcisse to open public hearing to obtain public comments on values of property for assessment purposes fixed by the St. Martin Parish Assessor.

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 4th day of October, 2022.

Upon hearing no comments from the audience, Chairman Chris Tauzin recognized St. Martin Parish Assessor Todd Dugas.

Assessor Todd Dugas has submitted to the Board of Review their certification of the assessed valuation of all properties in St. Martin Parish for tax year 2022. No appeals were received. Assessor Dugas reviewed and discussed the Abstract of Assessment Detailed Comparison 2021 vs 2022 (*on-file*).

A motion was made by Tangie Narcisse and seconded by Carla JeanBatiste to close public hearing.

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 4th day of October, 2022.

Clerk of the Council Brooke Thibodeaux read Special Business Item D: RULE TO SHOW CAUSE to address nuisance property at 1798-B Declouet Highway, Breaux Bridge (District 9). Property owned by John and Barbara Boudreaux.

Property owner(s) John and Barbara Boudreaux were not present to discuss the condition of 1798-B Declouet Highway, Breaux Bridge. Compliance Officer Ronald Solarie provided information on the property. After hearing testimony from Compliance Officer 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 presence of materials, inoperable appliances, vehicles, barrels, trash, and other debris or junk on the premises.

Therefore, a motion was made by Tangie Narcisse and seconded by Dean LeBlanc 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 4th day of October, 2022.

A motion was made by Dean LeBlanc 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: 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 4th day of October, 2022.

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

Clerk of the Council Brooke Thibodeaux read the Ordinance Summary.

Upon requesting and hearing no comments from the audience regarding the proposed ordinance 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 Carla JeanBatiste 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 4th day of October, 2022.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 22-10-1375-OR

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND/OR REVISE APPENDIX A OF THE ST. MARTIN PARISH ZONING ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO THE SECTION THEREOF ENTITLED, "SCHEDULE OF ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS," SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR SIDE AND REAR YARD WIDTHS OF FIVE (5) FEET IN ZONING DISTRICTS R-1, R-1R, R-2, AND R-3; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS ASSOCIATED THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government has determined that Appendix A of its current zoning ordinance should be revised in order to address outdated and potentially ambiguous provisions in the sections entitled, "Schedule of Zoning District Regulations" as regards side yard and rear yard width requirements; and

WHEREAS, the amendments and revisions hereinafter effected will allow a more reliable and cogent application of the rules and principles which govern the Parish's zoning regulations; and

WHEREAS, the amendments and revisions hereinafter effected will eliminate the necessity of exceptions and/or variances which often are construed to be arbitrary actions:

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED that the following Section of Appendix A of the Zoning Ordinance of St. Martin Parish entitled, "Schedule of Zoning District Regulations" be and is hereby amended, revised, enacted, and/or reenacted as follows:

The minimum side yard and rear yard width requirements for Zoning Districts R-1, R-1R, R-2, and R-3 shall be a minimum of five (5) feet.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that should any clause or provision of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, be deemed invalid or unenforceable for any reason, then such invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions of this edict which can be afforded legal efficacy with the invalid provision or application, and to end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED 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, Vincent Alexander and Dean LeBlanc.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the Ordinance was declared adopted this 4th day of October, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-068-RS

WHEREAS, the Assessor of St. Martin Parish has opened his books for public inspection and review for a period of fifteen (15) calendar days, from August 23, 2022, thru September 8, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Assessor of St. Martin Parish has certified to the St. Martin Parish Council (Board of Review of Assessments) the total assessed valuation of \$521,900,313.00 of all properties in the Parish of St. Martin for the tax year 2022; and

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council has given public notice that they would sit as a Board of Review on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at 5:00 P.M. in the Carroll J. Fuselier Meeting

Room, St. Martin Parish Annex Building, 301 West Port Street, St. Martinville, Louisiana, for the purpose of receiving protests and hearing complaints of values of property for assessment purposes in the Parish, fixed by the St. Martin Parish Assessor. That it will hear the written or oral complaint of any qualified person as provided by R.S. 47:1992, who has provided notice to the Board of Review on or before Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at 4:30 P.M. either through appearing in person at its office or by filing such appeal by means of certified mail; and

WHEREAS, no written or oral complaints of any qualified person as provided by R.S. 47:1992, were provided to the Board of Review on or before Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at 4:30 P.M.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Martin Parish Council, in Regular Session convened on this 4th day of October, 2022, that the Council certifies the Assessment List as submitted by the Assessor of 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 and Dean LeBlanc.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 4th day of October, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-069-RS

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government intends to submit budget requests to the Division of Administration for Capital Outlay Funds; and

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government does not have the financial resources necessary to fund projects which will be requested and which are described herein; and

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council has selected and authorized the submission of the following State Capital Outlay Budget Requests for year 2023-24:

- * Spanish Trail Industrial Park Access Road - \$5,100,000
- * Final Phase of Road Improvements on Four-Mile Bayou Road-\$800,000
- * Joe Daigre Canal Drainage Improvements-\$850,000
- * Expansion/Renovation of Central Office Complex of St. Martin Parish Government-\$1,000,000
- * Planning and improvements to Landry Lane, Edna Street, and Adell Street-\$1,100,000
- * Frontage Road Louisiana Highway 328 to 347-\$3,000,000
- * Installation of water lines along Louisiana Highway 94 from the municipal limits of the City of Breaux Bridge to the Vermilion River (Lafayette-St. Martin Parish line), for the express purpose of providing potable water to homes, residential developments, and businesses within the corridor of Louisiana Highway 94-\$2,500,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council, in Regular Session convened this 4th day of October, 2022, does hereby certify to the Division of Administration, Facility Planning and Control, that it does not have cash or bond funding available to fund these projects although it has the capability to provide the statutorily mandated match.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Parish President Chester Cedars, be and is authorized, directed and empowered to act on behalf of St. Martin Parish, in all matters pertaining to the aforesaid projects, all relative to seeking budget requests for Capital Outlay funds, executing cooperative endeavor agreements should Capital Outlay funding be granted, and certifying requests for disbursements from the State of 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 and Dean LeBlanc.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 4th day of October, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-070-RS

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council recognizes the need for highway improvements and is desirous that certain highway priorities be considered in the 2023-2024 highway budget as follows:

1. Construct an exchange/exit at the intersection of Louisiana Highway 354 and I-10.
2. Culverts to be placed from Louisiana Highway 347 along the South side of Louisiana Highway 352.
3. Replace or elevate culverts for Coulee LaSalle and Cypress Bayou at Louisiana Highway 182.
4. Extend Louisiana Highway 94 from intersection with Rees Street to Doyle Melancon/Lion Castille Road and continuing in a straight line path to the intersection of Louisiana Highway 347 and Louisiana Highway 349.
5. Reconstruction of Louisiana Highway 96 from St. Martinville to Catahoula.
6. Perform drainage study on Louisiana Highway 347 (Cecilia Senior High School Highway) between parish road Buce Huval Street to parish road Madeline Boulevard.

7. Perform drainage study on Louisiana Highway 347 (Grandpoint Highway) between parish road Louis Circle to Louisiana Highway 678 (Grand Anse Highway).
8. Construct Frontage Roads, the entire length of St. Martin Parish, along U.S. Highway 90.
9. Reconstruction and overlay of Louisiana Highway 328, from Exit 109 Interstate 10 to Cecilia Senior High School Highway.
10. Reconstruction and overlay of Louisiana Highway 31 from Louisiana Highway 94 to St. Martin Parish/St. Landry Parish line.
11. Frontage Road construction along Interstate 10 in St. Martin Parish.
12. Correct remaining drainage/flooding issues at the roundabouts at the Henderson Exit on Interstate 10.
13. Upgrade to culvert(s) at the 1900 block of Louisiana Highway 678 (Grand Anse Highway).
14. Reconstruction/Repair of Cecilia High School Road.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Martin Parish Council, in Regular Session convened this 4th day of October, 2022, that Senator Fred H. Mills, Jr., Senator Rick Ward, III, Senator Gerald Boudreaux, Representative Michael "Mike" Huval, Representative Marcus Bryant, Representative Gerald "Beau" Beauillieu, IV, and Representative Vincent St. Blanc, III (and/or their respective successors, if any) submit the above priorities to Governor John Bel Edwards and to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development requesting assistance in accomplishing the foregoing priorities.

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 4th day of October, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-071-RS

ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH STATE OF LOUISIANA OFF SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Code of Federal Regulations as enacted by the United States Congress mandates that all structures defined as bridges located on all public roads shall be inspected, rated for safe load capacity and posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and that an inventory of these bridges be maintained by each State; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility to inspect, rate and load post those bridges under the authority of St. Martin Parish in accordance with those Standards is delegated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to St. Martin Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Martin Parish Council, in Regular Session convened this 4th day of October, 2022, that the St. Martin Parish Government (herein referred to as the Parish) does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (herein referred to as the DOTD) that for the period October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022:

1. The Parish has performed all interim inspections on all Parish owned or maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards.
2. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish have been structurally analyzed and rated by the Parish as to the safe load capacity in accordance with AASHTO Manual for Maintenance Inspection of Bridges. The load posting information that has been determined by the LA DOTD for all bridges where the maximum legal load under Louisiana State law exceeds the load permitted under the operating rating as determined above has been critically reviewed by the Parish. Load posting information has been updated by the Parish to reflect all structural changes, any obsolete structural ratings or any missing structural ratings.
3. All Parish owned or maintained bridges which require load posting or closing are load posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Engineering Directives and Standards Manual Directive No. 1.1.1.8. All DOTD supplied load posting information concerning a bridge has been critically reviewed by the Parish Engineer prior to load posting.
4. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish are shown on the attached list in the format specified by the DOTD. Corrections to data supplied to the Parish by the LA DOTD are noted.

These stipulations are prerequisites to participation by the Parish in the Off System Bridge Replacement Program.

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 4th day of October, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-072-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 CATAHOULA LAKE DREDGING PROJECT, ST. MARTIN PARISH, LOUISIANA.

WHEREAS, Coastal Dredging Company, Inc., 19128 Robert Road Hammond, LA 70401, has substantially completed the work on the Catahoula Lake Dredging 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 Catahoula Lake Dredging 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 and Dean LeBlanc.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 4th day of October, 2022.

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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 Coastal Dredging Company, Inc., 19128 Robert Road, Hammond, Louisiana 70401, under its contract with said Firm pertaining to the Catahoula Lake Dredging 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 4th day of October, 2022.

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 Dean LeBlanc that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-073-RS

WHEREAS, Louisiana has approximately 283,000 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 4th day of October, 2022, that the Council does hereby proclaim Friday, November 11, 2022, 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: 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 4th day of October, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-074-RS

A RESOLUTION OF THE ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL APPROVING THE AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATION OF LOUISIANA SUGAR CANE COOPERATIVE, INC. (APPLICATION NUMBER 20170492-C-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, Louisiana Sugar Cane Cooperative, Inc., has applied for an Industrial Tax Exemption under Application Number 20170492-C-ITE; and

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2022, the Board of Commerce and Industry approved the aforesaid application of Louisiana Sugar Cane Cooperative, Inc; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Sugar Cane Cooperative, 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 Louisiana Sugar Cane Cooperative, Inc. to maintain every year eighty-four (84) jobs at an annual salary of \$6,516,297.00 over the ten (10) year period of the Exemption; and

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council has afforded due consideration of the factors set forth in Resolution Number 20-024-RS adopted on April 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish School Board has approved the Exemption; and

WHEREAS, after due deliberation, 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, comports 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 4th day of October, 2022, that the Industrial Tax Exemption of Louisiana Sugar Cane Cooperative, Inc. (Application Number 20170492-C-ITE) be and is hereby formally and officially approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all of the terms, conditions, and provisions of the agreement between Louisiana Sugar Cane Cooperative, Inc. and the Louisiana Department of Economic Development confected in connection with the extant Industrial Tax Exemption Application (Application Number 20170492-C-ITE) 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: 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 4th day of October, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-075-RS

A RESOLUTION OF THE ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL APPROVING THE AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATION OF PROCESSORS, LLC (APPLICATION NUMBER 20170074-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, Processors, LLC, has applied for an Industrial Tax Exemption under Application Number 20170074-ITE; and

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2022, the Board of Commerce and Industry approved the aforesaid application of Processors, LLC; and

WHEREAS, Processors, LLC 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 Processors, LLC to maintain every year seven (7) jobs at an annual salary of \$225,867.00 over the ten (10) year period of the Exemption; and

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council has afforded due consideration of the factors set forth in Resolution Number 20-024-RS adopted on April 16, 2020; and

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

WHEREAS, after due deliberation, 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, comports 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 4th day of October, 2022, that the Industrial Tax Exemption of Processors, LLC (Application Number 20170074-ITE) be and is hereby formally and officially approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all of the terms, conditions, and provisions of the agreement between Processors, LLC and the Louisiana Department of Economic Development confected in connection with the extant Industrial Tax Exemption Application (Application Number 20170074-ITE) 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: 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 4th day of October, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-076-RS

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRE SERVICE DISTRICT COORDINATOR AND THE ST. MARTIN PARISH FIRE DISTRICT STEERING COMMITTEE TO DIVIDE, FOR PURPOSES OF FIRE RATINGS ASSIGNED BY THE PROPERTY INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF LOUISIANA, THE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT INTO TWO SEPARATE SERVICE AREAS, ONE CONSISTING OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN UPPER ST. MARTIN PARISH AND THE OTHER CONSISTING OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN LOWER ST. MARTIN PARISH.

WHEREAS, the ST. MARTIN PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (“DISTRICT”) is a parish-wide district having been established in 1967; and

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT operates under the direct supervision of the Fire District Coordinator pursuant to the dictates of Section 12-26 of the St. Martin Parish Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Sections 12-54, *et seq.* of the St. Martin Parish Code of Ordinances provide for the creation of “The St. Martin Parish Fire District Steering Committee” (“Steering Committee”) whose functions include assisting and advising the Fire District Coordinator relative to the operations of the District; and

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT consists of twelve (12) separate fire departments; and

WHEREAS, fire protection ratings have previously been assigned by the Property Insurance Association of Louisiana (“PIAL”) on a department-by-department basis; and

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT has secured the services of a consultant to assist in adopting measures to aid in the assignment of fire protection ratings set by PIAL; and

WHEREAS, the Fire District Coordinator and the Steering Committee of the District have determined, upon recommendation of the aforementioned consultant, that, for purposes of the assignment of fire protection ratings by PIAL, the DISTRICT should be divided into two (2) areas, one consisting of all of the fire departments in upper St. Martin Parish, and the other consisting of the departments situated in lower St. Martin Parish; and

WHEREAS, by unanimous vote of the Steering Committee on December 6, 2021, the Steering Committee formally acted to divide the DISTRICT into the two (2) fire rating service districts for purposes of the PIAL ratings, all as recommended by the said consultant:

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby approve of the division of the ST. MARITN PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT into two (2) separate fire rating districts/areas solely for the purposes of being rated by the Property Insurance Association of Louisiana. One of the districts shall consist of all fire departments in upper St. Martin Parish, and the other district shall be comprised of the departments in lower St. Martin Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Brody Miller, Fire District Coordinator, and/or the Parish President are authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the terms and conditions 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, Vincent Alexander and Dean LeBlanc.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Daniel Richard, Jr. (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 4th day of October, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-077-RS

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND RECOGNIZING A PUBLIC EMERGENCY RELATIVE TO IMMEDIATE REPAIRS AND/OR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE PUMPS LOCATED AT THE ST. MARTIN PARISH INDUSTRIAL PARK.

WHEREAS, the ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT is the owner/custodian of the Industrial Water Plant located within the municipal limits of the City of St. Martinville; and

WHEREAS, both of the pumps which service the Industrial Water Plant are inoperable; and

WHEREAS, St. Martin Parish personnel have been advised that one of the pumps cannot be repaired because of its deteriorated condition; and

WHEREAS, the remaining pump is subject to repairs; however, the timetable for its repair is uncertain and the success of any repairs suspect in view of its age and condition; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that a replacement pump must be purchased and retrofitted for use at the Industrial Water Plant; and

WHEREAS, Waterworks District Number 4 is dependent upon the Industrial Water Plant for potable water; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Sugar Cane Cooperative, Inc. is in the midst of grinding season and is dependent upon the Industrial Water Plant for water; and

WHEREAS, the President of St. Martin Parish, acting in concert with the Parish's Director of Public Works and the certified operator of the water plant, has, confirmed that the repair of one of the pumps and the acquisition of a second pump are warranted without any unnecessary delay; and

WHEREAS, both the cost of the repairs and acquisition of a replacement pump are in excess of the amounts which requires public bidding under the Louisiana Public Bid Law; and

WHEREAS, compliance with the formal bidding procedures mandated by the Louisiana Public Bid Law will prohibit a timely response to the immediate necessity of the repairs and acquisition of the aforementioned pumps; and

WHEREAS, time is of the essence relative to adequately addressing the condition of the aforementioned pumps; and

WHEREAS, the Parish President, CHESTER R. CEDARS, has declared that a public emergency exists with respect to the current condition of the pumps herein referenced, all in accordance with La. R.S. 38:2212.1(K) and La. R.S. 38:2212(P):

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to the dictates of La. R.S. 38:2212.1(K) and La. R.S. 38:2212(P), the St. Martin Parish Council does likewise hereby formally and officially declare and certify that a public emergency exists relative to the necessity of immediate repairs to one pump and the acquisition of a second pump to service the Industrial Water Plant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this certification and notice of such public emergency be published within ten (10) days hereof in the official journal of the St. Martin Parish Government.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish President be authorized, directed, and empowered to enter into any and all contracts with an engineering firm and/or the appropriate contractors, all for the immediate repairs to and/or acquisition of pumps to service the St. Martin Parish Industrial Water Plant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish President be and is hereby authorized, directed and empowered to confect all such contracts under such other terms, conditions, and provisions as deemed necessary and fit in his discretion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish President be authorized, directed, and empowered to enter into any other agreements which he may deem necessary in order to effectuate the above and foregoing resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as to any public work performed in conjunction with and as a result of this resolution, the St. Martin Parish Government may waive any and all local permits and licenses which the Parish may otherwise require.

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 4th day of October, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-078-RS

WHEREAS, the Sales Tax No. 1 Road Improvements Project (Project No. 99032) is in need of engineer and design services; and

WHEREAS, St. Martin Parish Government hereby employs Sellers & Associates, Inc. to furnish required professional engineering services associated with the Sales Tax No. 1 Road Improvements Project (Project No. 99032).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council hereby authorizes Parish President Chester Cedars to execute a contract with Sellers & Associates, Inc. to furnish required professional engineering services associated with the Sales Tax No. 1 Road Improvements Project (Project No. 99032).

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 4th day of October, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-079-RS

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government acting through the Library Board of Control has made an official call for bids for the St. Martinville Branch Library Interior Renovations Project, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the advertisement, sealed bids were opened September 28, 2022, and two (2) complete bid packets were received for said project; and

WHEREAS, the bids were taken under advisement and have been analyzed by Angelle Architects, LLC; and

WHEREAS, Angelle Architects, LLC has recommended, in writing, the apparent low bidder, ARL Construction Inc., with a Base Bid in the amount of \$275,000.00 and a bid of \$75,000.00 for Alternate No. 1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby accept the low bid of ARL Construction Inc. with a Base Bid in the amount of \$275,000.00 and a \$75,000.00 bid for Alternate No. 1, all, for the St. Martinville Branch Library Interior Renovations Project, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby authorize Parish President Chester Cedars and/or the designee of the Library Board of Control 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 4th day of October, 2022.

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

SUMMARY NO. 1376-OR (Introduced by Dean LeBlanc, District 8)

An Ordinance amending Chapter 19, St. Martin Parish Zoning Ordinance, Appendix D, Parish Road Zoning Data Sheets of the Code of Ordinances for the St. Martin Parish Government by: amending the zoning classification district on a portion of a road zoned in the original ordinance adopted on December 18, 1995. {**1251 Bordelon Road**}

SUMMARY NO. 1377-OR (Introduced by Chris Tauzin, District 5)

An Ordinance to adopt the Sinking Fund and Operating and Maintenance Budgets for the Year 2023.

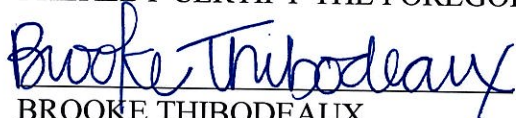
SUMMARY NO. 1378-OR (Introduced by David Poirier, District 4)

An Ordinance to adopt the Parish Capital Outlay Budget for the Year 2023.

Prior to adjournment Parish President Chester Cedars updated the Council Members on several items not requiring Council action as follows: Household Hazardous Waste Day, 2023 PJAL Convention, Coteau Holmes Town Hall Meeting, and FEMA Home Elevation Meetings.

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

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE:



BROOKE THIBODEAUX
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL