

APRIL 9, 2025

NEW IBERIA, LOUISIANA

IBERIA PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council of Iberia Parish, Louisiana met in Regular Session in the Parish Council Chambers, Main Courthouse Building, New Iberia, Louisiana, on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 6:04 p.m.

The following members were recorded as PRESENT:

Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, Marcus "Bruce" Broussard, Lloyd Brown, Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., Natalie Broussard, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Brock Pellerin, Brian P. Napier, and Lady Fontenette Brown (entered meeting at 6:08 p.m.).

ABSENT: Dustin Suire, Caymen Crappell, and Chad Maturin.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ian Alpha, Legal Counsel

Parish President M. Larry Richard

CAO Milton "Bo" Belanger, III

Executive Assistant to Parish President Cynthia Provost

Director of Personnel Edythe "Edie" Casselman

Executive Communications Coordinator Josepha "Jo" Morgan

Director of Finance Erica Duplechain

Director of Permit, Planning & Zoning Andrea Blair

Director of Public Works Department Jean Romero

Director of Sewerage District No. 1 Brad Cradeur

Homeland Security Director Brandon J. Migues

The Parish Council of the Parish of Iberia, State of Louisiana, was duly convened as the Governing Authority of the Parish of Iberia by Mr. James P. Trahan, its Chairman, who announced that the Council was now ready to conduct its business.

## COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Councilman Warren P. Gachassin, Jr. announced that Aline's Amazing Lemonade Stand Fund Raiser for benefit of Iberia Mental Health Initiative, will be held at 809 Briarwood Drive, New Iberia, Louisiana. The community is invited to attend.
2. Councilman Natalie Broussard announced that CERT attended the Louisiana Governor's Summit on Volunteer and Disaster Services on Wednesday, April 2, 2025. There were over 100 participants and 60 agencies in attendance for the event.
3. Councilman Natalie Broussard complimented the Department of Transportation Department, Vehicle Assistance Department for their quick response in assisting with changing her tire on the Mississippi River Bridge.
4. Councilman Brock Pellerin announced that he and CAO Milton "Bo" Belanger had the opportunity to provide a tour of District 10 for Director of Permits, Planning and Zoning Andrea Blair and encouraged other Council Members to do the same.
5. Councilman Lady Fontenette Brown announced that this week is "Love The Boot Week". The Railroad Avenue Historic Cultural District will be hosting a Clean The Boot Cleanup Day on Saturday, April 12, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in Jeanerette, Louisiana.

## PARISH PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. President Richard informed the Iberia Parish Council that 6 people participated in the Litter Abatement Program on Saturday, March 29, 2025. A total of 80 bags of trash were collected in the areas of Livingston Road and Hazard Road.
2. President Richard informed the Iberia Parish Council that the Public Works Department completed several tasks during the period of March 26, 2025 through April 8, 2025, including culvert cleaning and repairs, tree cutting and debris pickup, road patching and repairs, sidebooming of field and front ditches, as well as many other tasks.
3. President Richard announced that on March 27-29, 2025, he had the opportunity to attend the NACo Gulf States Counties and Parishes Caucus Symposium in LaFourche Parish. The event brought together Gulf Coast Leaders and shared challenges and opportunities around the Coast.
4. President Richard gave an update on the Lewis Street Improvement Project. Geotechnical boring of soil samples have been taken and pipe crossings have been inspected to determine if replacement is necessary. The final report including recommendations should be received by April 11, 2025. The Bid Package target date is May 14, 2025.
5. Parish President announced that Request for Proposals for Geotechnical Services of the Parish-Wide Road Improvement Project is due April 30, 2025, with final field data and recommendations expected to be received by July 18, 2025. Berard & Habetz have updated the Road List to include C. Romero Road, Jack Brooks Road, Monnet Road, John Road, L. Dubois Road, General Patton Street, General Middleton Street, General Collins Street, General Bradley, and Soileau Road. Inspections have been completed on C. Romero Road, Jack Brooks Road and John Road. The target date is to finalize this bid by August 31, 2025.
6. President Richard announced that the Louisiana Legislature begins their Regular Session on Monday, April 14, 2025.
7. President Richard announced that the Acadiana Regional Airport has been selected by the Greater Iberia Chamber of Commerce to

- receive the Business Impact Award at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet on April 24, 2025.
8. President Richard announced that Household Waste Day will be held at the Iberia Parish Courthouse Building, Rear Parking Lot on Saturday, May 3, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. till 12:00 p.m. A detailed list of acceptable items can be found by visiting Facebook or [iberiaparishgovernment.com](http://iberiaparishgovernment.com) website.
  9. President Richard announced that Iberia Parish Government is currently seeking to hire several positions, including: 1) Administrative Assistant; 2) Wastewater Treatment & Collections Operator - Maintenance & Laborer; 3) Purchasing Agent; 4) Jeanerette Museum Attendant; 5) Building Inspector (Certified Residential and Commercial); 6) Public Worker I; and 7) Public Safety Telecommunicator/911. Please visit Iberia Parish Government website to apply at: [www.iberiaparishgovernment.com](http://www.iberiaparishgovernment.com) for details.
  10. President Richard reminded everyone to visit the website for Iberia Parish Government which can be viewed at <https://iberiaparishgovernment.com>.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Ransonet, seconded by Mr. Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., that the Council recess its Regular Session and convene in a Public Hearing to hear comments from the public at this time.

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

YEAS: Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, Marcus "Bruce" Broussard, Lloyd Brown, Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., Natalie Broussard, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Brock Pellerin, Brian P. Napier, and Lady Fontenette Brown.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Dustin Suire, Caymen Crappell, and Chad Maturin.

And the motion was declared adopted this 9th day of April, 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Policy allows Three (3) Minutes/person)

1. There were no comments from the General Public on Agenda Items.
2. Persons considered for appointments to Parish Boards, Commissions, and/or Districts, as follows: (a) Mr. James Holleman, applicant for Spanish Lake State Game and Fishing Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., seconded by Ms. Natalie Broussard, that the Council does hereby recess its Public Hearing and reconvene into Regular Session at this time.

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

YEAS: Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, Marcus "Bruce" Broussard, Lloyd Brown, Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., Natalie Broussard, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Brock Pellerin, Brian P. Napier, and Lady Fontenette Brown.

NAYS: None.

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ABSENT: Dustin Suire, Caymen Crappell, and Chad Maturin.

And the motion was declared adopted this 9th day of April, 2025.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS AND PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Iberia Parish Clerk of the Council Carrie D. Terry addressed the Council regarding her attendance at the Louisiana Police Jury Association and participation in Leadership Iberia Class XXVII.

## REPORTS (PARISH OR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES):

1. Ms. Dionne Viator, CEO of Iberia Medical Center provided the Audit of Financial Statements of Hospital Service District No. 1 of Iberia Parish.

## PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS:

1. Public Works Department Report for Closed Work Orders dated March 12- 25, 2025 was emailed to Iberia Parish Council.

## CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION:

(To be voted upon at tonight's meeting)

Chairman James P. Trahan requested if there were any items to be removed from Consent Agenda at this time.

A request was made by Ms. Lady Fontenette Brown that Resolution Summary No. 66 be removed to invoke a unanimous second by the Iberia Parish Council.

A request was made by Mr. Brock Pellerin that Resolution Summary No. 70 be removed for discussion by the Iberia Parish Council.

Hearing no further requests for removal of items, a motion was made by Mr. Brock Pellerin, seconded Ms. Lady Fontenette Brown, that the following items be adopted:

## MINUTES:

Correction to Regular Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2025.  
Regular Meeting of March 26, 2025.

## RESOLUTION NO. 2025-67

A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF MS. OLENA ROSE VERDUN ARRINGTON, WIFE OF IBERIA PARISH RECREATION AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION BOARD MEMBER CALVIN "RON" ARRINGTON, JR., WHO PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 18, 2025.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby acknowledge the recent passing of Ms. Olena Rose Verdun Arrington, wife of Iberia Parish Recreation and Playground Commission Board Member Calvin "Ron" Arrington, Jr., who passed away on March 18, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Arrington was a daughter, sister, sister-in-law, wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, and great grandmother to her family; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Arrington will be deeply missed by her family, her friends, and the community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Arrington worked at Iberia Medical Center in New Iberia, Louisiana for several years as a Nurse's Aide, then decided to enlist in the United States Air Force where she received numerous awards and Medals of commendations; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Arrington's commitment to her country did not end after her retirement as she continued to serve in the local VFW Post #1982 and was proud to a United States Veteran; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Arrington later began working for the United States Postal service, first in Breaux Bridge, Louisiana and then finally retired from the New Iberia, Louisiana Main Post Office on October 9, 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby express its sincere sympathies and condolences to the family of Ms. Olena Rose Verdun Arrington, wife of Iberia Parish Recreation and Playground Commission Board Member Calvin "Ron" Arrington, Jr., who passed away on March 18, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be forwarded to the family of Ms. Olena Rose Verdun Arrington.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Iberia Parish Council and approval by the Parish President in accordance with Section 2-13 of the Iberia Parish Home Rule Charter.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2025-68

A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES FROM IBERIA PARISH COUNCIL HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MS. BETTYE JEAN NATHAN COOPER FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF JEANERETTE AND HER IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 23, 2025.

WHEREAS, Iberia Parish, has lost a devoted and respected community leader, Ms. Bettye Jean Nathan Cooper, who passed away on Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bettye Jean Nathan Cooper, a native of Jeanerette, born September 13, 1943, the daughter of the late Ben Nathan and Louise White Nathan, the wife of the late Samuel W. Cooper, Jr., and the mother of three, made a lasting impact on our community; and

WHEREAS, through her unwavering commitment of 46 years to the education of our children, Ms. Bettye Jean Nathan Cooper, inspired countless individuals and created a legacy that will continue to benefit future generations; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bettye Jean Nathan Cooper, valedictorian of her class at Jeanerette Colored High and member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha, made numerous significant contributions to the community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bettye Jean Nathan Cooper, co-orchestrated the donation of our community's Grammy winner Wayne "Blue" Burn's bass guitar to the Jeanerette Museum; and

WHEREAS, as our community's historian, Ms. Bettye Jean Nathan Cooper contributed to the content and information for the Bayou



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Teche National Water and Paddle Trail Project's Welcome To Jeanerette signage and kiosk located in City Park on the Bayou Teche; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bettye Jean Nathan Cooper invaluable narrative about the *"History of African American's Living on the South Side of the Railroad Tracks"* in Jeanerette; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bettye Jean Nathan Cooper, contributed to the research and information to obtain the 127<sup>th</sup> Historic Cultural District designation located in the City Jeanerette by Lt. Governor Nungesser's Office of Cultural of Cultural Development and is known as the Railroad Avenue Historic Cultural District; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bettye Jean Nathan Cooper's leadership, compassion, and tireless work have made a lasting imprint on the lives of all who knew her; and

WHEREAS, the community joins together in honoring her memory and herein extends its heartfelt condolences to Ms. Bettye Jean Nathan Cooper's family, friends, and all who were touched by her presence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby recognize Ms. Bettye Jean Nathan Cooper for her exceptional contributions which will forever remain a part of our community's history.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be forwarded to the family of Ms. Bettye Jean Nathan Cooper.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Iberia Parish Council and approval by the Parish President in accordance with Section 2-13 of the Iberia Parish Home Rule Charter.

### RESOLUTION NO. 2025-69

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 11-17, 2025 AS NATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK IN IBERIA PARISH.

WHEREAS, a strong, growing and diverse economy is vital for local parishes, municipalities and rural communities; and

WHEREAS, a strong, growing and diverse economy includes promoting and supporting activities that create, retain and expand jobs that facilitate growth, enhance personal and community wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and

WHEREAS, a strong, growing and diverse economy includes partnership and coordination between business, industry and government; and

WHEREAS, a strong, growing and diverse economy also means recognizing that both recruitment of new business and retention of existing business is critically important; and

WHEREAS, a strong, growing and diverse economy requires industrial, economic and community development requiring promoting a great quality-of-life and the infrastructure to support it; and

WHEREAS, local economic development organizations like the Iberia Industrial Development Foundation (IDF) provides professional economic development services for Iberia Parish; and

WHEREAS, economic development activities in the public sector are provided by the Iberia Economic Development Authority (IEDA); and

WHEREAS, community development activities are provided by the 501c(3) non-profit Iberia Development Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council has urged communities across the country to participate in National Economic Development Week, an event that recognizes the accomplishments of local economic development organizations; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby declare the week of May 11-17, 2025 as

"NATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK"

in Iberia Parish.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Iberia Parish Council and approval by the Parish President in accordance with Section 2-13 of the Iberia Parish Home Rule Charter.

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

YEAS: Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, Marcus "Bruce" Broussard, Lloyd Brown, Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., Natalie Broussard, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Brock Pellerin, Brian P. Napier, and Lady Fontenette Brown.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Dustin Suire, Caymen Crappell, and Chad Maturin.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 9th day of April, 2025.

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A request was made by Ms. Lady Fontenette Brown that Resolution Summary No. 66 be removed to invoke a unanimous second by the Iberia Parish Council.

A motion was made by Ms. Lady Fontenette Brown, seconded unanimously by Ms. Natalie Broussard, and Messrs. Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, Marcus "Bruce" Broussard, Lloyd Brown, Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Brock Pellerin, and Brian P. Napier, that the following be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-66

A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF MS. AGNES BOUDREAUX LOUVIERE, MOTHER OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PUBLIC WORKER III IRVING "VIN" LOUVIERE, JR., WHO PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 25, 2025.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby acknowledge the recent passing of Ms. Agnes Boudreaux Louviere, mother of Public Works Department Public Worker III Irving "Vin" Louviere, Jr., who passed away on March 25, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Louviere was a daughter, sister, sister-in-law, wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, and great grandmother to her family; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Louviere will be deeply missed by her family, her friends, and the community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Louviere lived a life centered on giving to others, always sharing her warmth and generosity with everyone she met; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Louviere worked in the school cafeteria for 21 years, where she found great joy in preparing meals for children and staff and her dedication and warm presence made a lasting impact on those she encountered; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Louviere cherished her role as a mother and found joy in cooking for her family and friends, dancing to her favorite cajun music, and praying her rosary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby express its sincere sympathies and condolences to the family of Ms. Agnes Boudreaux Louviere, mother of Public Works Department Public Worker III Irving "Vin" Louviere, Jr., who passed away on March 25, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be forwarded to the family of Ms. Agnes Boudreaux Louviere.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Iberia Parish Council and approval by the Parish President in accordance with Section 2-13 of the Iberia Parish Home Rule Charter.

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



YEAS: Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, Marcus "Bruce" Broussard, Lloyd Brown, Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., Natalie Broussard, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Brock Pellerin, Brian P. Napier, and Lady Fontenette Brown.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Dustin Suire, Caymen Crappell, and Chad Maturin.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 9th day of April, 2025.

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A request was made by Mr. Brock Pellerin that Resolution Summary No. 70 be removed for discussion.

A motion was made by Mr. Brock Pellerin, seconded by Mr. Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., that the following be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-70

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA THROUGH THE COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION AUTHORITY (CPRA) AND IBERIA PARISH GOVERNMENT REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF THE LITTLE VALLEY BAYOU WATER CONTROL STRUCTURE PROJECT (TV-0092) TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Iberia Parish Government has an opportunity to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the State of Louisiana through the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) and Iberia Parish Government regarding construction of the Little Valley Bayou Water Control Structure Project (TV-0092) to provide for the effective date thereof; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto; and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14 of the Louisiana Constitution provides, in part, that "(f) or a public purpose, the state and its political subdivisions . . . may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other ..."; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to La. R.S. 49:214.5.2(A)(1), the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board (the "BOARD") represents the State of Louisiana's position relative to the protection, conservation, enhancement, and restoration of the coastal area of the state through oversight of integrated coastal protection projects and programs and at La. R.S. 49:214.5.2.(A)(7), the BOARD has the power and authority to enter into any contract with any political subdivision of the state for the study, planning, engineering, design, construction, operation, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of any integrated coastal protection project and to this end, may contract for the acceptance of any grant of money upon the terms and conditions, including and requirement of matching the grants in whole or part, which may be necessary; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to La. R.S. 49:214.6.1, the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority ("CPRA") is the implementation and enforcement arm of the BOARD and is directed by the policy set by the BOARD, and pursuant to La. R.S. 49:214.6.2 and La. R.S. 49:214.6.3, CPRA shall administer the programs of the BOARD and shall implement projects relative to the protection, conservation, enhancement, and restoration of the coastal area of the State of Louisiana through oversight of integrated coastal projects and programs consistent with the legislative intent as expressed in La. R.S. 49:214.1, and, therefore, the BOARD directs CPRA to administer and implement the obligations undertaken by the BOARD pursuant to this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the IPG is the governing body of Iberia Parish, with the authority of a local political subdivision to enter into agreements with governmental bodies, such as the BOARD and/or CPRA, for the public welfare, health, safety, and good order of Iberia

Parish by virtue of the specific authority granted in its Home Rule Charter and Article VII, Section 14 of the Louisiana Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the IPG is authorized under La. Const. Article VI, Part III, of the Louisiana Constitution to provide for the construction and maintenance of levees, levee drainage, flood protection, and hurricane flood protection within the territorial jurisdiction of the IPG, and all purposes incidental thereto, including on its own behalf or for the areas or the levee districts under its authority; and

WHEREAS, under La. Const. Article VI, Part III, the construction, maintenance, and care and inspection of levees, and all other things incidental thereto, within the jurisdiction of the numerous levee districts and levee authorities established by Louisiana law shall devolve on the levee districts and levee authorities and the boards of commissioners of the respective levee districts and levee authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to enter into this Agreement for the purpose of lessening the threat of harm citizens and damage to property in Iberia Parish through the reduction of flooding, by constructing the Little Valley Bayou Water Control Structure Project ("Project" or "Little Valley Bayou Water Control Structure Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project is an integrated coastal protection project eligible for funding under Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) Act of 2006 (Title I of Division C of Public Law 109-432; 43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*; 120 Stat. 3000), 30 C.F.R. Part 1219, Louisiana Constitution Article VII, Sections 9(B), 10.1 and 10.2, and La. R.S. 49:214.5.4(E); and

WHEREAS, the Project is consistent with the State's 2023 Coastal Master Plan and Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Plan, and is identified as eligible for allocation of proposed GOMESA funding, contingent upon funding being made available to the CPRA for the Project; and

WHEREAS, during the construction phase, the CPRA and IPG will mutually develop a specific operation, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation and replacement (OMRR&R) plan for the Little Valley Bayou Water Control Structure Project (TV-0092); and

WHEREAS, IPG will be responsible for 100% of the OMRR&R of the Little Valley Bayou Water Control Structure Project (TV-0092), but plans to enter into cooperative agreements or other sub-agreements in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana with other local sponsors for the performance of IPG's OMRR&R obligations under this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, IPG will be responsible for the construction administration, supervision and inspection, and quality assurance (QA) services, project management support during construction and design engineering services during construction of the Little Valley Bayou Water Control Structure Project (TV-0092); and these costs are payable by CPRA under this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement will be mutually beneficial to the Parties in the furtherance of their respective statutory purpose, duties, and authorities, and each Party expects to receive a public

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benefit least equal to the costs of the responsibilities undertaken pursuant hereto; and

WHEREAS, the CPRA and IPG, in connection with this Agreement, desire to foster a partnering strategy and a working relationship between the Parties through a mutually developed formal strategy of commitment and communication embodied herein, which creates an environment where trust and teamwork prevent disputes, foster a cooperative bond between the Parties, and to facilitate the successful implementation of the Project as described herein; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement pertains to construction of the Little Valley Bayou Water Control Structure Project (TV-0092); and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the President of Iberia Parish to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement between the State of Louisiana through the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) and Iberia Parish Government regarding construction of the Little Valley Bayou Water Control Structure Project (TV-0092).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iberia Parish President is also authorized to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement between the State of Louisiana through the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) and Iberia Parish Government regarding construction of the Little Valley Bayou Water Control Structure Project (TV-0092).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iberia Parish President is also authorized to execute any and all agreements, documents or other writings necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Iberia Parish Council and approval by the Parish President in accordance with Section 2-13 of the Iberia Parish Home Rule Charter.

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

YEAS: Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, Marcus "Bruce" Broussard, Lloyd Brown, Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., Natalie Broussard, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Brock Pellerin, Brian P. Napier, and Lady Fontenette Brown.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Dustin Suire, Caymen Crappell, and Chad Maturin.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 9th day of April, 2025.

A motion was made by Mr. Lloyd Brown, seconded by Mr. Scott Ransonet, that the following be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-71

A RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE 2024 FISCAL YEAR AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF IBERIA PARISH (IBERIA MEDICAL CENTER); TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF; AND TO OTHER PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Iberia Parish Hospital Service District No. 1 has submitted its annual audit report for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby acknowledge receipt of the 2024 Fiscal Year Audit of Iberia Parish Hospital Service District No. 1 (Iberia Medical Center); providing for the effective date thereof; and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Iberia Parish Council and approval by the Parish President in accordance with Section 2-13 of the Iberia Parish Home Rule Charter.

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

YEAS: Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, Marcus "Bruce" Broussard, Lloyd Brown, Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., Natalie Broussard, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Brock Pellerin, Brian P. Napier, and Lady Fontenette Brown.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Dustin Suire, Caymen Crappell, and Chad Maturin.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 9th day of April, 2025.



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A motion was made by Mr. Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., seconded by Mr. Marcus "Bruce" Broussard, that Resolution Summary No. 72, which is a Resolution appointing a representative to the Local Industrial Tax Exemption Program Committee on behalf of Iberia Parish Government and authorizing said representative to execute and administer any and all relevant documents in connection with the Industrial Tax Exemption Program Committee, be adopted at this time.

A motion was made by Mr. Marcus "Bruce" Broussard, seconded by Mr. Lloyd Brown, that Resolution Summary No. 72, be amended to specifically appoint the Parish President M. Larry Richard on behalf of Iberia Parish Government to the local Industrial Tax Exemption Program Committee.

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

YEAS: Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, Marcus "Bruce" Broussard, Lloyd Brown, Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., Natalie Broussard, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Brock Pellerin, Brian P. Napier, and Lady Fontenette Brown.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Dustin Suire, Caymen Crappell, and Chad Maturin.

And the motion to AMEND was declared adopted this 9th day of April, 2025.

A motion was made by Mr. Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., seconded by Mr. Marcus "Bruce" Broussard, that the following be adopted:

## RESOLUTION NO. 2025-72

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO THE LOCAL INDUSTRIAL TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM COMMITTEE ON BEHALF OF IBERIA PARISH GOVERNMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE AND ADMINISTER ANY AND ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE INDUSTRIAL TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana values its manufactures and their contributions to its economy; and

WHEREAS, most states offer some form of property tax exemption to manufactures; and

WHEREAS, to attract larger, high-quality projects, it is necessary to offer competitive property exemption to manufactures; and

WHEREAS, La. Const. Art 7 § 21(F) provides that the Board of Commerce and Industry, with the approval of the governor, may enter into contracts for the exemption from ad valorem taxes of a new manufacturing establishment or an addition to an existing manufacturing establishment, on such terms and conditions as the board, with the approval of the governor, deems to be the best interest of the state; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners and Industry is authorized to administer the granting of the exemption from ad valorem taxes provides by La. Const. Art. § 21(F) and, with the assistance of the Louisiana Department of Economic Development ("LED") established the Industrial Tax Exemption Program ("ITEP"); and

WHEREAS, ITEP projects involve capital investments in regions across Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the authority provided to it by the Constitution, the Board of Commerce and Industry promulgated rules and regulations for the ITEP that promote the best interest of the state; and

WHEREAS, the governor also plays a vital role in determining which projects will receive ITEP, and it is essential to set forth criteria that the governor will consider for purpose of deciding what is in the best interests of the state and which ITEP projects will be approved; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Department, Office of the Governor Jeff Landry has issued Executive Order No. JML 24-23 for conditions for participation in the Industrial Tax Exemption Program (ITEP) for establishment of a Local Industrial Tax Exemption Program (ITEP) Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Iberia Parish Government is interested in appointing Parish President M. Larry Richard to the local Industrial Tax Exemption Committee on behalf of Iberia Parish Government and authorizing Parish President M. Larry Richard to execute and administer and all reverent documents in connection with the local Industrial Tax Exemption Committee; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby acknowledge the appointment of Parish President M. Larry Richard to the Industrial Tax Exemption Program (ITEP) Committee, representing Iberia Parish Government, with said appointment terminating upon the expiration of term of Parish President.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that said term shall commence on April 23, 2025 and terminate upon the expiration of term of Parish President.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Iberia Parish Council and approval by the Parish President in accordance with Section 2-13 of the Iberia Parish Home Rule Charter.

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

YEAS: Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, Marcus "Bruce" Broussard, Lloyd Brown, Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., Natalie Broussard, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Brock Pellerin, Brian P. Napier, and Lady Fontenette Brown.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Dustin Suire, Caymen Crappell, and Chad Maturin.

**26493**

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 9th day of April,  
2025.

A motion was made by Ms. Natalie Broussard, seconded by Mr. Marcus "Bruce" Broussard, that Resolution Summary No. 73, which is a Resolution for the 2025 Airport Authority Fund Budget line item adjustments for the following: (1) \$50,000 from Buildings - Equipment to Professional Services admin with Capitol Hill Consulting; and (2) \$30,000 from Buildings - Equipment to Equipment Maintenance Department for the purchase of a John Deere Zero Turn Mower for the Maintenance Department be adopted at this time.

A motion was made by Mr. Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., seconded by Mr. Lloyd Brown, that Resolution Summary No. 73, be tabled without date.

This motion to TABLE WITHOUT DATE having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, Marcus "Bruce" Broussard, Lloyd Brown, Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Brock Pellerin, Brian P. Napier, and Lady Fontenette Brown.

NAYS: Natalie Broussard.

ABSENT: Dustin Suire, Caymen Crappell, and Chad Maturin.

And the motion to TABLE WITHOUT DATE was declared adopted this 9th day of April, 2025.

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A motion was made by Mr. Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., seconded by Mr. Marcus "Bruce" Broussard, that the following be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-74

A RESOLUTION AMENDING 2025 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 FUND BUDGET AND SEWERAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 FUND BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000 TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR UL LIFT STATION WITH OPERATING TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS, ALL TO BE FUNDED FROM FUND BALANCE - PREVIOUS YEARS OF EDD.

WHEREAS, there has been a request to amend the 2025 Economic Development District No. 1 Fund Budget and Sewerage District No. 1 Fund Budget in the amount of \$300,000 to appropriate funding for UL Lift Station with operating transfers between funds, all to be funded from Fund Balance - Previous Years of EDD; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to amend the 2025 Economic Development District No. 1 Fund Budget in the amount of \$300,000 for said transfer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby amend the 2025 Economic Development District No. 1 Fund Budget and Sewerage District No. 1 Fund Budget in the amount of \$300,000 to appropriate funding for UL Lift Station with operating transfers between funds, all to be funded from Fund Balance - Previous Years of EDD:

<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT TITLE</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ADJUSTMENT</u>
499000 0000 0000 0000	Fund balance - previous years	\$80,217	\$300,000
960435 3450 0000 1083	Sewerage District #1	-0-	\$300,000
910108 0000 0000 0000	EDD	-0-	\$300,000
575000 3450 0000 1083	Contract payments	\$469,300	\$300,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said amount shall be funded from the Fund Balance - Previous Years of EDD.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Iberia Parish Council and approval by the Parish President in accordance with Section 2-13 of the Iberia Parish Home Rule Charter.

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

YEAS: Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, Marcus "Bruce" Broussard, Lloyd Brown, Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., Natalie Broussard, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Brock Pellerin, Brian P. Napier, and Lady Fontenette Brown.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Dustin Suire, Caymen Crappell, and Chad Maturin.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 9th day of April, 2025.



A motion was made by Mr. Scott Ransonet, seconded by Mr. Brian Napier, that Resolution Summary No. 75, which is a Resolution amending the 2025 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$6,309.63 to provide adjustments to the Parish President's Annual Salary for Fiscal Year 2025 from \$179,242 to \$185,551.63, and related benefits, as based on the averaging of annual salaries of Iberia Parish Sheriff (\$213,933.85), Iberia Parish Assessor (\$158,612.49), and Iberia Parish Clerk of Court (\$184,108.56), all in accordance with the Iberia Parish Home Rule Charter, and to be funded from Fund Balance - Previous Years Line Item, be adopted at this time.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Ransonet, seconded by Mr. Brian Napier, that Resolution Summary No. 75, be deferred to the April 23, 2025 Iberia Parish Council Meeting.

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

YEAS: Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, Marcus "Bruce" Broussard, Lloyd Brown, Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., Natalie Broussard, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Brock Pellerin, Brian P. Napier, and Lady Fontenette Brown.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Dustin Suire, Caymen Crappell, and Chad Maturin.

And the motion to DEFER was declared adopted this 9th day of April, 2025.

## 26497

A motion was made by Mr. Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., seconded by Mr. Lloyd Brown, that Resolution Summary No. 76, which is a Resolution amending the 2025 General Fund Budget to create a line item of \$100,000 for Nuisance Abatement, all to be funded from Fund Balance - Previous Years be adopted at this time.

A motion was made by Mr. Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., seconded by Mr. Lloyd Brown, that Resolution Summary No. 76 be amended to create a line item in the amount of \$100,000 for Nuisance Abatement - Contract for Services of Grass Cutting and Nuisance Cleanup, all to be funded from Fund Balance - Previous Years.

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

YEAS: Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, Marcus "Bruce" Broussard, Lloyd Brown, Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., Natalie Broussard, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Brock Pellerin, Brian P. Napier, and Lady Fontenette Brown.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Dustin Suire, Caymen Crappell, and Chad Maturin.

And the motion to AMEND was declared adopted this 9th day of April, 2025.

### RESOLUTION NO. 2025-76

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2025 GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO CREATE A LINE ITEM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 FOR NUISANCE ABATEMENT - CONTRACT FOR SERVICES OF GRASS CUTTING AND NUISANCE CLEANUP, ALL TO BE FUNDED FROM FUND BALANCE - PREVIOUS YEARS.

WHEREAS, there has been a request to amend the 2025 General Fund Budget to create a line item in the amount of \$100,000 for Nuisance Abatement - Contract for Services of Grass Cutting and Nuisance Cleanup; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to amend the 2025 General Fund Budget to create a line item in the amount of \$100,000 for Nuisance Abatement - Contract for Services of Grass Cutting and Nuisance Cleanup.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby amend the 2025 General Fund Budget to create a line item in the amount of \$100,000 for Nuisance Abatement - Contract for Services of Grass Cutting and Nuisance Cleanup, as follows:

<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT TITLE</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ADJUSTMENT</u>
499000 0000 0000 0000	Fund balance - previous years	\$282,823	\$100,000
542000 2999 0000 1083	Contract for Services	-0-	\$100,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said amount shall be funded from the Fund Balance - Previous Years line item.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Iberia Parish Council and approval by the Parish President in accordance with Section 2-13 of the Iberia Parish Home Rule Charter.

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

YEAS: Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, Marcus "Bruce" Broussard, Lloyd Brown, Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., Natalie Broussard, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Brock Pellerin, Brian P. Napier, and Lady Fontenette Brown.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Dustin Suire, Caymen Crappell, and Chad Maturin.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 9th day of April, 2025.

# 26499

ORDINANCES INTRODUCED FOR PUBLICATION:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Council Meeting:

April 23, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Please visit the Iberia Parish Government website:

[www.iberiaparishgovernment.com](http://www.iberiaparishgovernment.com) to complete the Stormwater Management Survey and view adjudicated properties through Civic Source.

A motion was made by Mr. Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., seconded by Mr. Scott Ransonet, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby adjourn.

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

YEAS: Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., Michael R. Landry, Marcus "Bruce" Broussard, Lloyd Brown, Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., Natalie Broussard, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Brock Pellerin, Brian P. Napier, and Lady Fontenette Brown.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Dustin Suire, Caymen Crappell, and Chad Maturin.

And the motion was declared adopted this 9th day of April, 2025.

Chairman James P. Trahan then declared the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE:

  
Clerk of the Council