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AUGUST 23, 2023

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, August 23, 2023, at 6:00 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, Paul G. Landry, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Eugene A. Olivier, Sr., Brian P. Napier, Lady Fontenette Brown (entered at 6:15), Scott Saunier, and Chad Maturin.

ABSENT: None.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Legal Counsel Ian Alpha

Chief Administrative Officer Milton Belanger, III

Director of Personnel Donna McDonald

Director of Public Works Dexter Miguez

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. Warren P. Gachassin, Jr., its Chairman, who announced that the Council was now ready to conduct its business.

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A motion was made by Mr. Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., seconded by Mr. Scott Ransonet, 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, Paul G. Landry, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Eugene A. Olivier, Sr., Brian P. Napier, Scott Saunier, and Chad Maturin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSENT AT VOTING: Lady Fontenette Brown.

And the motion was declared adopted this 23rd day of August, 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. There were no comments from the General Public on Agenda Items.

A motion was made by Ms. Natalie Broussard, seconded by Mr. Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., 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, Paul G. Landry, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Eugene A. Olivier, Sr., Brian P. Napier, Scott Saunier, and Chad Maturin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSENT AT VOTING: Lady Fontenette Brown.

And the motion was declared adopted this 23rd day of August, 2023.

REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION):

1. The Balance Sheets for July 2023 were emailed to the Council Members.
2. The Budget Reports for July 2023 were emailed to the Council Members.

REPORTS (PARISH OR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES):

1. The Monthly Building Report for the month of July 2023 was included in the Council packets.
2. Mr. John Marceaux with Police Jury of Jefferson Davis Parish currently the President of Police Jury Association of State of

Louisiana gave thanks to Iberia Parish for being long term members of our Parish Association.

3. Mr. Guy Cormier, Executive Director of the Police Jury Association also thanked Mr. Eugene A. Olivier, Sr. for participating and the Parish for their membership for the past years.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS:

1. The Public Works Department Report for Closed Work Orders dated July 12, 2023 - August 8, 2023 were emailed to Council members.

COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Councilman Eugene A. Olivier, Sr. announced the Grand Marias Community Development Meeting will be held tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m. and the Lydia Cancer Society Fall Fest will be next month in Lydia Park.
2. Councilman Lady Fontenette Brown announced that Jeanerette will have the 1st International French Bread Festival on October 7, 2023 at the Pavilion.

PARISH PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Parish President M Larry Richard called in via telephone. President Richard announced the retirement of Human Resource Director Ms. Donna McDonald on next month. An Interim Human Resource Director will be chosen to come before the Council.
2. President Richard stated the La. 182 train derailment with BNSF is moving quickly and a follow up meeting will be held to announce when it will be opened.
3. President Richard followed up with DOTD in regards Highway 90 evacuation route. DOTD requested to follow up at the next Council Meeting due to working the train derailment on La. 182.
4. President Richard stated on Mullins Road temporary construction plat was done in March. Survey was done on April 20th. Quotes were received the lowest came back \$41,000 higher than budgeted. This will be discussed at the next council meeting.
5. Parish President stated that Labit Road Bridge survey and technical field work is completed and the design is 60% completed, with the next step to go out for bids.
6. Parish President stated that the survey work is completed on Vida Shaw Bridge and the hydraulic study is completed, U.S. Corps of Engineers permit application has been sent out, with completion of final plat specification scheduled to be completed for September 14, 2023. We are expecting bids to be received by October 14, 2023. Construction is anticipated to start November to March 2024.
7. President Richard stated that asphalt has been laid down on Labit Road and we are now waiting on striping then will get with Council to do a substantial completion.
8. President Richard stated over the last 12 months we have had ten companies investing in Iberia Parish with \$1.5 billion in new and expanding building facility supporting infrastructure.

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CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION:

Chairman Warren P. Gachassin requested if there were any items to be removed from the Consent Agenda at this time.

Hearing no requests for removal of items, a motion was made by Mr. Lloyd Brown, seconded by Mr. Michael R. Landry, that the following be adopted:

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of August 9, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-156

A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF MS. RITA MAZIE BOUDREAUX LANDRY, MOTHER OF IBERIA PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER PAUL G. LANDRY, WHO PASSED AWAY ON JULY 30, 2023.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby acknowledge the recent passing of Ms. Rita Mazie Boudreaux Landry, mother of Iberia Parish Council Member Paul G. Landry, who passed away on July 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rita Mazie Boudreaux Landry was a daughter, sister, wife, mother, and grandmother to her family; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rita Mazie Boudreaux Landry was a beautiful person inside and out, she enjoyed spending time with her family and taking care of her grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rita Mazie Boudreaux Landry and her husband were the proud owners of Gragnon Wholesale in New Iberia for many years, she was employed as a school secretary at North Lewis Elementary for ten years and then went on to work at the Iberia Parish School Board Office. She served as a master tutor for PEPI from 1986-1999.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby express its sincere sympathies and condolences to the family of Ms. Rita Mazie Boudreaux Landry, mother of Iberia Parish Council Member Paul G. Landry, who passed away on July 30, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be forwarded to the family of Ms. Rita Mazie Boudreaux Landry.

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. 2023-157

A RESOLUTION AMENDING 2023 ROYALTY FUND BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,620,000 TO ACCEPT CPRA (GOMESA) FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF LOUISIANA FOR LITTLE VALLEY, GEORGE LANCON, RUTTEN RILL AND STUMPY BAYOU WATER STRUCTURES AND APPROPRIATE ENGINEERING EXPENDITURES FOR SAID PROJECTS.

WHEREAS, there has been a request to amend 2023 Royalty Fund Budget in the amount of \$1,620,000 to accept CPRA (GOMESA) funding from the State of Louisiana for Little Valley, George Lancon, Rutten Rill and Stumpy Bayou Water Structures and appropriate engineering expenditures for said projects; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2023 Royalty Fund in the amount of \$1,620,000 to recognize said funding; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appropriate \$1,620,000 to accept CPRA (GOMESA) funding from the State of Louisiana for Little Valley, George Lancon, Rutten Rill and Stumpy Bayou Water Structures and appropriate engineering expenditures for said projects; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby amend 2023 Royalty Fund Budget in the amount of \$1,620,000 to accept CPRA (GOMESA) funding from the State of Louisiana for Little Valley, George Lancon, Rutten Rill and Stumpy Bayou Water Structures and appropriate engineering expenditures for said projects, as follows:

<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT TITLE</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ADJUSTMENT</u>
434001 3200 0000 4072	CPRA-Little Valley Bayou Water Structure	-0-	\$455,000
434001 3200 0000 4073	CPRA-George Lancon Water Structure	-0-	\$245,000
434001 3200 0000 4074	CPRA-Rutten Rill Water Structure	-0-	\$280,000
434001 3200 000 4075	CPRA-Stumpy Bayou Water Structure	-0-	\$640,000
533100 3200 0000 4072	Arch/engr services	-0-	\$455,000
533100 3200 0000 4073	Arch/engr services	-0-	\$245,000
533100 3200 0000 4074	Arch/engr services	-0-	\$280,000
533100 3200 0000 4075	Arch/engr services	-0-	\$640,000

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.

These items 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, Paul G. Landry, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Eugene A. Olivier, Sr., Brian P. Napier, Lady Fontenette Brown, Scott Saunier, and Chad Maturin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

And these items were declared adopted this 23rd day of August, 2023.

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A motion was made by Mr. James P. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Chad Maturin, that Resolution Summary No. 158, which is a Resolution requesting Administration to obtain quotes for the side booming of: (1) main drainage laterals, (2) major channels, and (3) road side ditches in the Districts be adopted at this time.

A motion was made by Mr. Chad Maturin, seconded by Mr. Michael R. Landry, that Resolution Summary No. 158, be amended at this time to remove the (1) main drainage laterals and (3) road side ditches in the Districts, from said Resolution.

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, Paul G. Landry, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Eugene A. Olivier, Sr., Brian P. Napier, Lady Fontenette Brown, Scott Saunier, and Chad Maturin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

And the motion to amend was declared adopted this 23rd day of August, 2023.

A motion was made by Mr. Chad Maturin, seconded by Mr. Michael R. Landry, that the following be adopted as amended:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-158

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING ADMINISTRATION TO OBTAIN QUOTES FOR THE SIDE BOOMING OF MAJOR CHANNELS.

WHEREAS, there has been a request for the Administration to obtain quotes for the side booming of major channels; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby request the Administration to obtain quotes for the side booming of major channels, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said quotes shall be presented to the Public Works Committee at their next regular meeting after receipt of said quotes.

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, Paul G. Landry, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Eugene A. Olivier, Sr., Brian P. Napier, Lady Fontenette Brown, Scott Saunier, and Chad Maturin.

NAYS: None.

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ABSENT: None.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 23rd day of August, 2023.

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A motion was made by Mr. Brian P. Napier, seconded by Mr. Michael R. Landry, that Resolution Summary No. 159, which is a Resolution appointing a Clerk of the Council for the Iberia Parish Council and fixing the annual salary for said position, all in accordance with Sections 2-10. A. and B. of the Home Rule Charter be adopted at this time.

A motion was made by Ms. Natalie Broussard, seconded by Mr. Michael R. Landry, that Resolution Summary No. 159, be amended continue Ms. Terry's salary at \$42,515.20 until September 29, 2023.

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, Paul G. Landry, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Eugene A. Olivier, Sr., Brian P. Napier, Lady Fontenette Brown, Scott Saunier, and Chad Maturin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

And the motion to amend was declared adopted this 23rd day of August, 2023.

A motion was made by Ms. Natalie Broussard, seconded by Mr. Michael R. Landry, that Resolution Summary No. 159, be amended to leave salary as is until September 29, 2023, as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-159

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A CLERK OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE IBERIA PARISH COUNCIL AND LEAVING SALARY AS IS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 29, 2023 FOR SAID POSITION, ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTIONS 2-10. A. AND B. OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER.

WHEREAS, Clerk of the Council Brenda P. Bergeron has announced her retirement from her employment with the Iberia Parish Council, effective September 28, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-10 (A) of the Iberia Parish Home Rule Charter requires the Council to appoint a Clerk to serve the Iberia Parish Council; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-10 (B) of the Iberia Parish Home Rule Charter requires the Council to fix the salary of its employees, including the Clerk of the Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby appoint Ms. Carrie D. Terry as the Clerk of the Iberia Parish Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appointment should be considered as a Clerk-in-Training position from the date of adoption of this Resolution through September 28, 2023 at a salary of \$42,515.20, whence upon September 29, 2023, Ms. Carrie D. Terry shall assume the position of Clerk of the Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon September 29, 2023, the Iberia Parish Council does hereby fix the annual salary of the

Clerk of the Council Carrie D. Terry at \$58,339.84, as shown as Step E of the 2008 Archer Job Classification Pay Table for 1820 Hours per Year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby authorize the budgeting of a proposed five percent (5%) probationary period increase, all in accordance with Section 4.04. h. of the Personnel Policy Manual for Legislative Employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is adopted in accordance with Sections 2-10 (A) and (B) of the Iberia Parish Home Rule Charter.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Iberia Parish Council and approval by the Iberia Parish President, all 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, Paul G. Landry, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Eugene A. Olivier, Sr., Brian P. Napier, Lady Fontenette Brown, Scott Saunier, and Chad Maturin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 23rd day of August, 2023.

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ORDINANCES INTRODUCED FOR PUBLICATION:

SUMMARY NO. 5254 (Introduced by Clerk of the Council)

An Ordinance revising existing precinct boundaries and authorizing the merging of certain qualifying precincts in Iberia Parish as a result of the 2023 precinct survey that identified those precincts with fewer than 300 active voters in accordance with La. R.S. 18:532.1, which Ordinance shall become effective for the 2024 election cycle as allowed by law.

A motion was made by Mr. Francis "Tommy" Pollard, Sr., seconded by Ms. Natalie Broussard, 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, Paul G. Landry, James P. Trahan, Scott Ransonet, Eugene A. Olivier, Sr., Brian P. Napier, Lady Fontenette Brown, Scott Saunier, and Chad Maturin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

And the motion was declared adopted this 23rd day of August, 2023.

Chairman Warren P. Gachassin, Jr. then declared the meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE:



Administrative Secretary