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Memorial scholarship established in honor of HHS senior killed in New Orleans

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The family of 17-year-old Hahnville High School senior Layla Scott recently announced the establishment of a memorial scholarship in her honor.

A lifelong Boutte resident, Scott was one of two people shot to death on Nov. 19 at the corner of Esplanade and North Claiborne in New Orleans near a Tremé-area gas station. It was there in Tremé she and friends had gathered to observe a Ninth Ward second-line brass band perform. On that fateful Sunday, the teen had unknowingly stood near someone else that happened to be the target of approaching gunmen.

“She was an innocent bystander,” Scott’s mother Shandra Scott said of the shooting. “[The shooter was] aiming at a guy - one of her cousin’s friends - and they shot her; she was standing close to him.”

CPR was administered, but the 17-year-old later died at a nearby New Orleans hospital as the result of her gunshot wound. The other male shooting victim who died on the scene was later identified by the Orleans Coroner’s Office as 24-year-old Ahmontae Wishom.

SCHOLARSHIP on 5A

HHS senior Layla Scott.



DHS stars put pen to paper on signing day



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HHS Junior ROTC program makes history



TURN to 2A

Lakewood Drive reconstruction project in Luling nears completion

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Parish officials recently estimated around 80 percent of the Lakewood Drive reconstruction project is now complete, with the road currently on target to be opened back up on schedule in February.

“As of Dec. 21, almost all roads are in place,” Samantha de Castro, St. Charles Parish Director of Communications said. “The contractor will

LAKEWOOD on 5A



Ongoing work where Lakewood Drive meets Highway 90, one of the last portions left before the reconstruction project is complete.

Ama veteran who will reach century mark honored for service, faith

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Ama resident Irving Pierre Sr. was honored on Monday, Dec. 18 by the St. Charles Parish Council for a long life well lived, as the St. Charles Parish native approaches his 100th-year birthday in mid-January.

Pierre Sr. was born on Jan. 14 in 1924, the same month the first ever Winter Olympics Games opened in France. He would be followed in birth two weeks later by world-renowned New Orleans jazz musician and singer Louis Armstrong, a famous figure he

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HHS Junior ROTC program accomplishes honor school hadn’t achieved in over 20 years

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Hahnville High School’s Air Force Junior ROTC instructors and cadets were recently awarded an overall unit assessment score of “Exceeds Standards,” the highest rating attainable, following a Dec. 4 formal unit evaluation conducted by the Department of the Air Force.

As a result of the assessment, HHS Junior ROTC instructors MSgt. Richard Lochren and MSgt. Gene Moll were recognized for providing outstanding leadership in administering the cadet-centered citizenship program.

The last time HHS’ Air Force Junior

ROTC earned the rare “Exceeds Standards” distinction was more than 20 years ago in 1999, Lochren mentioned.

“Having our cadets recognized with the highest inspection grade possible is a great feeling, one which I feel anyone who has ever been a part of JROTC here can take pride in,” Lochren said. “What I love about our course the most is that it focuses on helping students develop ‘soft skills’ without even realizing it.”

Lochren’s counterpart, Moll, had similar sentiments regarding the HHS Junior ROTC cadets he led.

“The cadets of the past four years have really poured their hearts and soul into making our program better,” Moll said. “It is great to see the cadets being recognized for their hard work.”

The Dec. 4 assessment visit provided feedback for the HHS Junior ROTC unit and assessed the group in areas such as compliance with various legal requirements. Matters such as public law, Department of Defense and Air Force instructions, and written agreements between St. Charles Parish Public Schools and the Air Force were reviewed and

scored for compliance during the recent visit.

“Achieving an ‘Exceeds Standards’ is no small feat; it takes a team effort and lots of hard work,” Air Force Junior ROTC Regional Director Dr. Douglas McLane noted. “MSgt. Lochren and MSgt. Moll are clearly invested in the leadership and character development of their cadets, providing an unsurpassed level of mentorship and guidance on a daily basis.”

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This training is being conducted so first responders, parish workers, and school officials can ensure the safety of students when responding to potential threats at our schools.

We will do our best to minimize any inconvenience to residents during this exercise. If you have any questions or concerns about this training exercise, please contact Captain Darren Gros at (985) 783-6237.

Sheriff’s Office offers free ride service for holiday party-goers

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The holiday season brings lots of joy, loads of fun and entertaining festivities for all. Unfortunately, in a flash it can turn into a time of tragedy as well, and all it may take is a single poor decision.

While those who drink and drive while attending parties during the holidays may meet the flashing lights of a police car and the consequences of a DWI arrest, that doesn’t represent the worst potential outcome. The St. Charles Parish Sheriff’s Office is well aware of that, and in the philosophy of “an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of the cure,” it is once again offering parish residents free rides home this holiday season.

If one attends a party in St. Charles Parish and have had alcohol, he or she may call (985) 783-6807 and a deputy will arrive to provide a ride home at no charge. It is an offer that stands now through New Year’s Day.

St. Charles Parish Sheriff Greg Champagne said he hopes citizens will take advantage of the service, because the risk of driving drunk is simply never worth it.

“Citizens must recognize that they need a ride before they get behind the wheel,” said Champagne. “We offer a free ride home to help keep citizens from driving intoxicated and make our streets safer.”



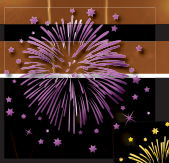
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That circumstance would still involve a ride, but not one anyone wants to take part in.

“If you do not call us for a ride and get behind the wheel while impaired, you can expect a ride to jail,” Champagne said.

The service gives people one less reason to put themselves in line for that, or worse. The message from the Sheriff’s

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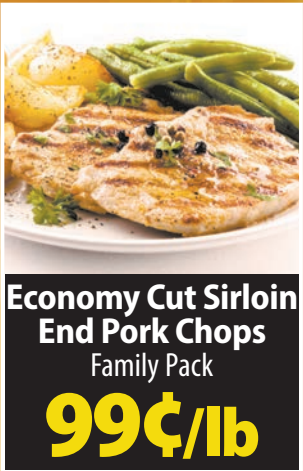
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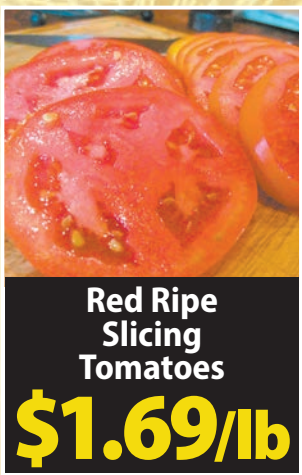
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Lakewood Elementary School on West Heather Drive in Luling.

St. Charles Parish students enjoy long 17-day winter break

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St. Charles Parish Public School (SCPPS) students will enjoy a long holiday break in December and January; time off began this month with an early dismissal on Dec. 21 with students not reporting back to school until Jan. 8.

Local students will have a total of 10 weekdays off with the winter holiday break ending on Thursday, Jan. 4, followed by a Professional Learning Day on Friday, Jan. 5. Students remain off on the Professional Learning Day, but teachers return to school for training before students join them once again on Monday morning, Jan. 8.

This year’s SCPPS end of year break, when taking into consideration students’ 10 weekdays off, the Jan. 5 Professional Learning Day and three additional week-ends the winter break encompasses, combines for a grand total of 17 days off for St. Charles Parish students.

While it may seem like a longer than usual holiday break for parents, school officials say the number of days off this year is nothing new.

“This year’s break is the same length as it typically is,” Regina McMillan, SCPPS Director of Public Information, explained.

For each of the last four school years, even following 2021’s Hurricane Ida, the school system has held to a 10-weekday holiday break, McMillan said.

To help parents and their children from going stir crazy at home during this year’s

long winter break, the St. Charles Parish Library has lined up numerous activities for local families for the first week of January 2024.

“We have lots of free activities going on at the library, and some great opportunities to get out of the house with family and friends,” Maria Billelo, St. Charles Parish Library Adult Programming and Outreach Librarian, said. “From family activities like holiday-themed Bingo to LEGO Club, Storytime and giant board games, we have something for everyone during the school break.”

In what promises to be the library’s biggest event planned over the winter break, on Friday, Jan. 5 the St. Charles Parish Library will hold a Taylor Swift Eras Party from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the East Regional Library in Destrehan. The all-ages event will feature themed activities throughout the library, ending with a dance party at the end of the night.

St. Charles Parish students will receive their next big holiday break in February during carnival season, when they are off the entire week of Feb. 12.

For more details on the Christmas holiday schedule or future holiday breaks during the 2024 school year, visit the SCPPS website at www.stcharles.k12.la.us. For more on upcoming special events and activities at the St. Charles Parish Library, visit www.myscpl.org.

Netflix show the latest highlight for Destrehan actress

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Shelley Hennig’s star continues to shine – now brighter than ever.

The actress and St. Charles Parish native stars in the new Netflix action-comedy Obliterated, which premiered on the streaming service in November. The eight-episode series featured Hennig as Ava Winters, a CIA official who is tasked with leading her team through a perilous situation.



Shelley Hennig

The premise of the film sees an elite joint-special operations team assembled from various branches of the U.S. Armed Forces and intelligence services attempting to stop a deadly terrorist network from detonating a bomb that would level Las Vegas. The team completes the mission and celebrates with a night on the town.

But they ultimately discover that the nuclear bomb they neutralized was fake, so the team must fight through their intoxications to find the real one to save the day.

Filming for the show took place in July of 2022 in Las Vegas and New Mexico. The creators of the show, Jon Hurwitz, Hayden Schlossberg, and Josh Heald are the minds behind the popular Netflix series Cobra Kai.

It’s the latest major role for Hennig, 36, a former Miss Teen USA winner who grew up in St. Rose and Destrehan.

Her first big break as an actress came when she joined the cast of Days of Our Lives, taking on the role of Stephanie Johnson. Her performance earned her an Emmy nomination for Outstanding Younger Actress, the first of her two Emmy nominations.

Hennig is well-known for her time on the MTV series Teen Wolf as Malia Tate. She would remain a regular part of the show from the series third season until its seventh and final season.

She has also been a star on the big screen, earning her first movie roles in the 2014 horror films Ouija and Unfriended – the latter saw her with a lead role in a film that grossed nearly \$50 million.

She would go on to earn roles in several other films, including Teen Wolf: The Movie, a reunion film starring the cast of the popular TV series. That film was released on Paramount+ in January of this year.

That is one of two movies released this year that Hennig is a part of, also including The List. Last year, she portrayed the role of Alice in the film Gatlopp.

Hennig is a graduate of St. Charles Borromeo School and Destrehan High School.

Her Miss Teen USA pageant victory in 2004 netted an acting scholarship to the New York Conservatory for Dramatic Arts in New York City, something she has credited as a life-changing experience.



Hennig and co-star Nick Zano in Netflix’s Obliterated.



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“Layla was a soft-hearted person, and she was a very friendly person,” Shandra said. “She volunteered at nursing homes and with the elderly – she would spend her summers and holidays doing that.”

Like many teenagers her age, Scott enjoyed shopping, her mother said fondly, and had recently begun modeling. She held a part-time job at the local Wendy’s restaurant in the evenings and on weekends.

Shandra referred to her daughter as a “miracle baby,” as she was told by doctors she would not be able to bear additional children due to complications from a blood disorder. Thirteen years following the birth of her first child, Shandra became unexpectedly pregnant with Scott, and had to administer doctor-prescribed injections six times per day to herself in order to maintain a healthy pregnancy.

“I was pregnant right during the midst of Hurricane Katrina,” Shandra said. “It was chaos, and we called her a miracle baby because she survived [all of those conditions].”

Shandra said her daughter had a habit of helping and bringing home troubled local teenagers, whom the Scott family would help and sometimes give temporary shelter to while their young guests sorted out their family problems.

Scott enjoyed traveling - the teenager had just returned from a trip from Miami before she died - and



Layla Scott in a recent HHS senior portrait photo.

was already planning a cruise with friends following her upcoming graduation.

The Scott family has set up a scholarship fund, the Layla Arshan McCray Scott Memorial Scholarship, in her memory, and is currently collecting donations to fund its first round of scholarships it plans on giving to two HHS students in the spring.

“Layla would have graduated this year, so I want the class that she would have graduated with to benefit from this,” Shandra explained.

The memorial scholarship, Shandra said, will require students to write gun-violence prevention related essays as part of the application process.

Given her daughter had planned to attend vocational school for physical therapy in 2024 following her graduation at HHS, Shandra said the scholarship plans to award two \$1,500 scholarships – one for a typical college student and one for a vocational-bound student like Scott.

For more information on the scholarship set up by family members in Scott’s honor, or to donate to the scholarship fund, visit GoFundMe under the title ‘Layla A Scott Memorial Scholarship’ or via the link <https://www.gofundme.com/f/layla-a-scott-memorial-scholarship>.

LAKEWOOD from 1A

pour the intersection of Lakewood and Heather Dec. 26 thru 31, and the remaining curbside and driveways will go in after the New Year.”

The long-awaited Luling road project was organized by parish officials to give a full reconstruction of Lakewood Drive, from East Heather to Highway 90.

Lakewood Drive is a well-traveled mixed-use Luling street that previously had numerous bumpy, rough patches along with regularly occurring drainage issues. The road project called for contractors to completely repave the street with a new eight-inch road base

northbound traffic. DOTD will also reset the signal settings to reflect the change from one lane to three, making the intersection easier for all motorists to use.”

In a springtime town hall presentation held before work began, the road project’s contractor, Byron E. Talbot, laid out the project’s projected timeline, estimating completion to fall sometime around February 2024 - which so far appears to be on target. Road contractors now appear to be working on Phase 5 of the project, which according to parish road plan documents, is the final leg of the project.



topped with another eight-inch layer of Portland cement concrete pavement, and further involved minor drainage and sewer repair.

After multiple discussions with the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), parish officials said several traffic upgrades will also be added where Lakewood meets Highway 90 as part of the project.

“The current northbound lanes exiting Lakewood had one dedicated lane for traffic that could turn left, go straight to Barton Avenue, or turn right,” de Castro explained. “The new configuration will have dedicated lanes for both turns and

“The original completion date was mid-February 2024, and we are on track to have the road open then,” de Castro said. “Additional cleanup, lane striping, and finishing touches will carry on until April, but should cause minimal interruption to traffic and residents.”

Some St. Charles Parish residents accustomed to typical road construction project delays and traffic inconveniences have commented the project has moved along better than expected.

Luling resident Kirk Sciacca, who lives in the nearby area and travels Lakewood Drive regularly, said work on the project has so far exceeded his expectations for



a road rehaul project of this type.

“I thought it progressed a lot quicker than I initially assumed,” Sciacca said of the Lakewood Drive construction project. “They’re doing a good job...The hours that the road crews have been

working, how they’ve managed to keep the road open, and the overall traffic flow seems to be working well.”

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 - **David Dempsey, 63**, of 165 Marks Avenue in Ama, was arrested Dec. 20 and charged with illegal use of weapons or dangerous instrumentalities – weapons law violations.
- **Trey Payne, 27**, of 6826 Veterans Boulevard in Metairie, was arrested Dec. 20 and charged with video voyeurism.
 - **Veronica Zulli, 37**, of 10 Horseshoe Lane in St. Rose, was arrested Dec. 16 and charged with possession of hydrocodone and traffic violation. She was a fugitive with an attachment.



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PIERRE from 1A



(TOP): Irving Pierre Sr. as a younger man. (BOTTOM): Pierre Sr. in uniform.



has now outlived by 52 years.

As the third of nine children, his earliest memories as a young man were when he played local sports.

“I used to play baseball,” Pierre Sr. said. “We had a team, our community, that I used to play on, and I played outfield – centerfield.”

He later served in World War II in the United States Army as an engineer, where he was stationed in France, Spain and England.

After returning home from the war, he married Evelyn Griffin in 1946 and went on to have six children. Pierre Sr. is now a proud great grandfather to 14 great-grandchildren.

The Ama native worked for building materials manufacturer Celotex Corporation for decades, putting in a 42-year career before retiring. He and his wife operated an Ama grocery store for 50 years, and later Pierre’s Beauty and Barber Shop on River Road in Ama, which his grandson now runs.

An ardent Baptist churchgoer, Pierre Sr. was baptized at Ama’s Mt. Zion Baptist Church in 1950, and became a deacon there five years later. He was elevated to the position of Head Deacon of his church in 1957, a position he held for 63 years.

As an active member of the community, Pierre Sr. served as



Pierre Sr.’s Ama-area grocery store he and his wife ran for decades.

president of the Mt. Pilgrim’s Society for 13 years where he and the group’s members provided services for the elderly, poor and needy. He would later become active in the American Legion Post 509



Pierre Sr. poses in a recent holiday photo with family and friends.

in Ama, where he served in a variety of leadership roles including commander. He is also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization, where he served as treasurer.

Pierre Sr. will celebrate his 100th year of life on Jan. 14 with his family, which is when he said he plans to “wake up and see the day.”

The centenarian did not subscribe to a special diet to reach 100, but mentioned he had given up eating fatty meats like pork years ago, avoided alcohol and had given up his smoking habit sometime around 40 years ago.

Pierre Sr.’s best advice for younger generations today in living their best life was to respect others, find a local church to belong to – then attend regularly.

“That’s the best thing – church,” Pierre Sr. said. “Serve and go [to church].”

As a man of the world on the cusp of hitting triple digits, Pierre Sr. said he reads every day, particularly his Bible. He cited from memory one of his favorite passages, Psalms 37:25, as follows: “I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.”

HHS ROTC from 2A

in 1966, the Junior ROTC program has grown to include 870 units worldwide, with 90,000 high school cadets participating, led by more than 1,500 instructors. The group has units located all over the United States, Guam, and select-ed Department of Defense Dependent Schools in Europe and the Pacific.

The Air Force Junior ROTC program



HHS’ Jr. ROTC on the big screen at the Smoothie Center in New Orleans.



Junior ROTC cadets and instructors pose in front of a large military plane while visiting a nearby Air Force base.

is considered to be a citizenship program rather than a recruitment program, open to grades eight through 12. Students who participate in the program do not incur any military obligation.

According to the Department of

Defense, Junior ROTC students who later decide to join any department of the military after high school are entitled to advanced military promotion to a grade no less than E-2 after successfully serving at least two academic years inside

the high school program.

For more information on the Airforce Junior ROTC program, visit www.af.mil.

SHERIFF’S OFFICE from 2A

Office is clear: take the free ride home, or a costly one to jail.

According to Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), the period between Christmas and New Year’s is the worst for drunk driving fatalities. The situation

has worsened in recent years, with a 9 percent increase in drunk driving deaths in 2020. In 2021, overall traffic deaths were the highest recorded since 2006, indicating more dangerous roadways overall. Yet, despite Americans feeling

vulnerable to drunk drivers, 48 percent admit that they drink more alcohol at family holiday parties than at any other time of year.

It’s been estimated that alcohol-related accidents are responsible for 25,000

injuries between Thanksgiving and New Year’s Day. And New Year’s Day alone shows 2.4 times the amount of deaths related to drunk driving.

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DHS, ready

5 challenges



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Lady Tigers look to lock in before district play



TURN to 4B

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Charles Parish area nonprofits



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The United Way of St. Charles is set to hold its 2023 Battle for the Paddle on Thursday, Oct. 26, from 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Edward Dufresne Community Center, located at 274 Judge Edward Dufresne Parkway in Luling.

The fundraising event, held each October, invites local families, friends, businesses and industry teams to prepare and serve their best Cajun dishes, competing for the titles of 'Best Jambalaya,' 'Best Pastalaya' and 'Best Gumbo.'

Open to the public, Battle for the Paddle admission pricing will be \$5, with free admission for kids 10 and under. Proceeds from the event will go towards supporting many of the United Way of St. Charles' various local-area nonprofit agencies it regularly funds.

"Everything from help for cancer patients to weekend meals for schoolchildren in need, to funding our community college," United Way of St. Charles Executive Director John Dias said of the local causes the event helps support.

Dias said his group expects around 190 cooking teams to participate, and anticipates similar crowds to last year, when the event drew around 6,000 visitors.

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Five state champions sign in decorated class at Destrehan

Wildcat stars make their respective next stops official at signing day ceremony

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One of the most decorated signing classes in Destrehan history had the spotlight at DHS last week, as the school held its annual early signing day ceremony for five

just one regular season loss – that coming in the very first game of 2020, and none since.

Likewise, it was a proud day for Destrehan swimming, as state champion Colin Candebat inked with Henderson State.

“Deep down inside, I felt like LSU was the place for me from day one. I’m from Louisiana ... I’m a boot boy, and I’ve got to go put on for my state.”

— Kolaj Cobbins

standout student-athletes heading to the next level – and five champions, at that.

Destrehan football saw linebacker Kolaj Cobbins put pen to paper to sign with the LSU Tigers; safety Anthony Robinson signing with Ole Miss; offensive tackle Jayce Mitchell en route for Tulane; and running back Shane Lee heading for Nicholls State. All four players helped fuel Destrehan’s 2022 state championship

Candebat earned state crowns in the 100 breaststroke and 200 individual medley events, recording times of 58.12 and 1:52.98 respectively.

Cobbins, nicknamed “Tut,” has long been one of the most sought after recruits in the state. He committed to LSU just prior to the beginning of his senior season as a Wildcat, and the four-star recruit made good on that commitment on signing day.



Kolaj Cobbins, Anthony Robinson, Colin Candebat, Shane Lee and Jayce Mitchell on their signing day at DHS.

for me since day one,” said Cobbins. “I’m from Louisiana. I feel like I’m a boot boy, and I’ve got to go put on for my state.”

Cobbins said the Tigers have indicated they plan to use him in a similar role as he had at Destrehan.

“The Jack position ... pass rush, pass drop (coverage), play the end – I’ll be all over. Jack of all trades.

“Going to the SEC, I feel like that’s where the

and, like Cobbins, was on the national recruiting radar early on in his prep career, showing his athleticism and tremendous ball skills throughout.

While Robinson signed to add his skills to the Rebel defense, Robinson – who played wide receiver, cornerback, kick and punt returner and running back for Destrehan during his Wildcats tenure – noted he may have put the idea of a few of-

“Coming from Louisiana, Ole Miss is one of those known, recognized schools,” Robinson said. “I thank God for this opportunity ... it felt like home. I’ve been there a couple of times and they’ve always shown me great hospitality.”

Mitchell has been a cornerstone of a Destrehan line that has proven the backbone of the Wildcats’ physical offensive identity. The 6’4, 285-pound Mitchell is excited to stay close to home and said Tulane’s change at head coach from Willie Fritz did not sway him away from joining several for-

head coach. Coach (Dan) Roushar is a good offensive line coach, so you won’t find better in that area either. It’s an opportunity to stay close to home.”

Having several former Wildcats on the roster, he said, is a plus.

“They said it was ultimately my choice,” Mitchell said. “I feel like (having them there) just gives me a better idea about expectations, team chemistry, what’s actually taking place in the locker room.”

Then there’s Lee, who has been a true franchise player for Destrehan.



Colin Candebat

victory and 2023 run to the quarterfinals, and all four are headed to play Division I college football. The four are part of a senior class that went 47-4 on the football field, with

An explosive edge-rusher who expanded his game in pass coverage as a senior, Cobbins is eager to join the Tiger defense.

“Deep down inside, I felt like LSU was the place



Shane Lee

big dogs play at. I want to play against the best competition to improve my game and get to the NFL.”

Another SEC sign-ee was his teammate, Robinson, who signed with coach Lane Kiffin’s Ole Miss Rebels. Robinson did it all in his tenure with the Wildcats

fensive snaps to Kiffin’s ear.

“He’s an offensive mastermind,” Robinson said of Kiffin. “I’m not going to play offense, but I did ask jokingly if I could get a couple touches.”

Robinson called the signing a dream come true.



Kolaj Cobbins

mer DHS teammates with the Green Wave.

“You won’t find a better degree than at Tulane,” Mitchell said. “Coach (Jon) Sumrall is a winning

Head coach Marcus Scott once said Lee has been “the best player in St. Charles Parish for a long time.” The running back

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“I feel like this is gonna be a really good fit for me ... I’m looking to prove all those other teams wrong - I feel like I’m underrated.”

— Shane Lee

Fontenot leads way for Tigers in back-to-back wins

Junior has scored 16 times this season



Hahnville starters in 3-2 victory over Lakeshore

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After losing its first match of the season, Hahnville bounced back in a big way by notching back-to-back victories on the road to move to 7-1-2 on the season.

The Tigers defeated Hammond, 4-1, and Lakeshore, 3-2, to close out 2023 on a high note and continue what’s been another very strong season. Those wins came on the heels of the Ascension Christian tournament, where Hahnville tied University Lab 1-1 and fell to Baton

Rouge 4-2.

It was a monstrous week for Owen Fontenot, who scored five total goals over the two victories.

Fontenot led the way against Lakeshore – the junior scored two goals in the win. Kyle Waits scored a goal as well, while Andreas Tregre and Bennett Asperin each notched assists.

Against Hammond, it was a three-goal effort for Fontenot, who combined with Daniel Bowman to tally the Tigers’ four goals on the night. Tregre had two assists, Bowman one and Trevor Breaux added another.

It’s been a huge season overall for for Fontenot, who has now scored at least one goal in six consecutive games – with a total of 11 goals in that span. He has a team-leading 16 goals this season and

has scored in all but one of his team’s 10 matches.

Hahnville is now 21-4-3 since the beginning of last season.

Lockdown defense for J.B. Martin in unbeaten season



It was a truly uncommon - and dominating - feat for the J.B. Martin 8th grade girls soccer team this season, as the Cougars finished their season undefeated and un-scored upon. The Cougars defense allowed no goals all season, making 2023 truly a year for the record books at the school.

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joined Destrehan with high expectations, became the rare DHS athlete to earn considerable playing time at the position as a freshman, and has been the offensive focal point of Destrehan for the past three seasons.

Lee now heads to play for a former Destrehan head coach in Nicholls’ Tim Rebowe. Lee says he is ready.

“I think this is gonna be a really good fit for me,” Lee said.

He acknowledged he is fueled by the perception some have that he lacks prototypical measurables for a college rusher at 5’10, 200 lbs.

“I’m looking to prove all of those other teams wrong – I feel like I’m underrated,” Lee said.

Candebat, meanwhile, said that when he received the offer from Henderson

State – his first major offer of the recruiting process – it was like a weight was removed from his chest. This has been a dream of his – a dream now realized as he heads to Henderson State.

“I got my offer in September – it meant a lot to me and a lot to my mom,” Candebat said.

He said he felt confident that if he executed as he had while training, he could find success at last month’s state championship swim meet. Still, the reality of it was thrilling, he said.

“I really wanted to win that for Destrehan,” said Candebat of the second of his two crowns, the 100 breaststroke. “Going into that night, I had to step up. I knew it would be close, maybe by point-five. I ended up going 58 high and (his opponent) went 59 low.”



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Residents encouraged to recycle Christmas trees for coastal restoration

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After all the cookies are eaten and gifts unwrapped, St. Charles Parish residents cleaning up their holiday mess this year have a once-per-year opportunity to feel good recycling their Christmas trees and participate in coastal restoration at the same time.

From now until Jan. 11, St. Charles Parish residents can help with the recycling effort by dropping off their Christmas trees at the designated collection bins inside the East and West Bank Bridge Parks. Curbside pickup of Christmas trees will also be available for residents from Jan. 8 - 11.

Parish officials advised all Christmas trees to be recycled should be stripped of lights, ornaments and stands. Flocked or painted trees cannot be accepted for recycling, as the trees collected are later placed into local bodies of water, where the chemicals on such trees can harm the environment.

Like many other types of recycling programs, parish officials say recycling Christmas trees each year is an environmentally friendly practice with clear advantages.

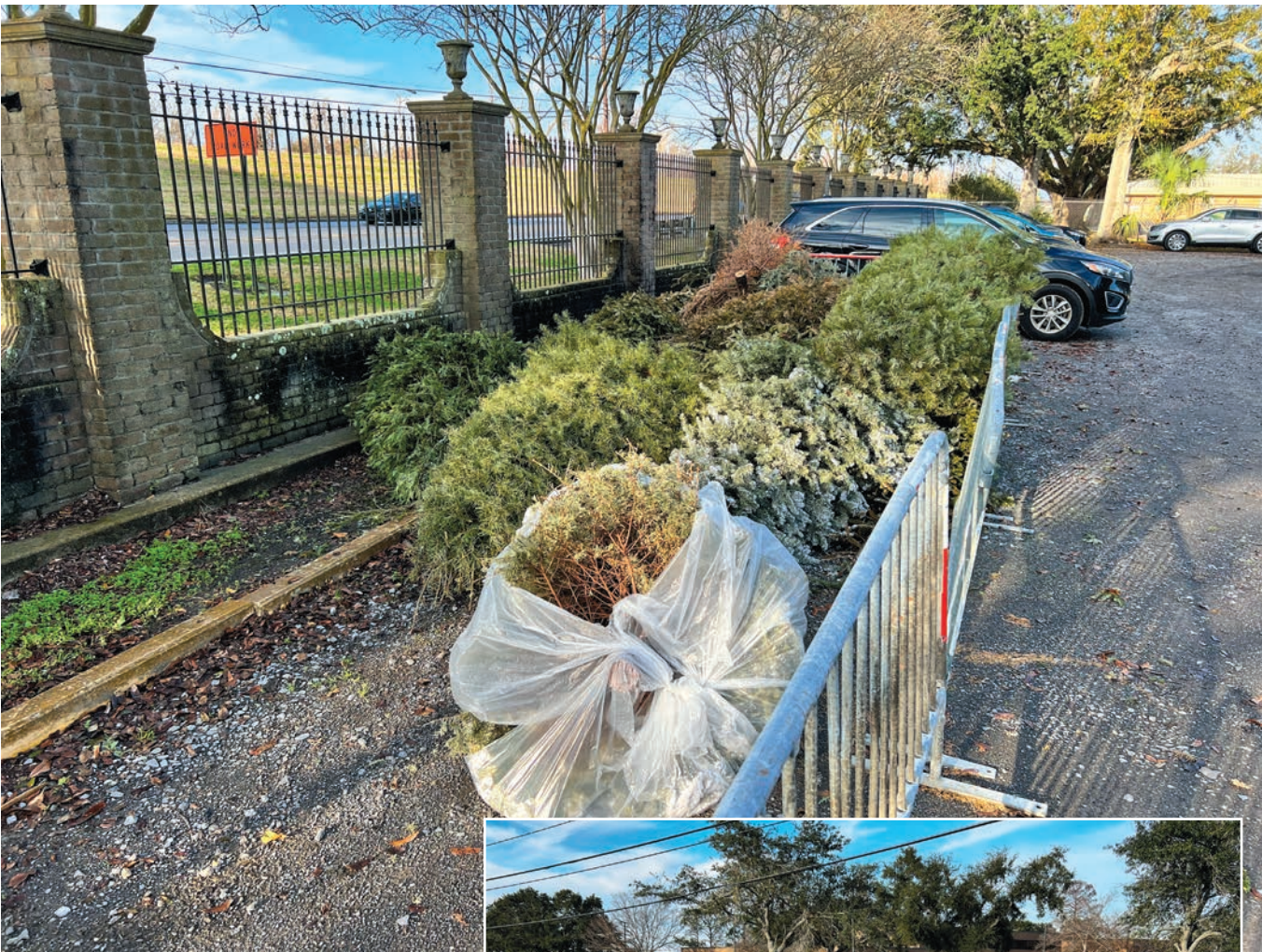
“It’s a two-fold benefit,” Earl Matherne, St. Charles Parish Planning and Coastal Zone Administrator, explained of the parish’s tree recycling program. “Number one, it does benefit the environment when we get it put out there [in local coastal areas and marshlands]. And number two – it keeps all that huge volume of useable material from going into the landfill.”

Discarded Christmas trees collected for recycling this January will be installed into local marshland areas where they are needed to help build up habitat inside St. Charles Parish.

Areas in need of extra help are first identified, and then have pens installed, consisting of a double row of wooden slat fences, usually four to 6 feet tall off the water bottom and connected on the ends. Each pen is built to be between 75 and 150 feet long. Christmas trees collected after the holidays are placed inside each pen, which helps the coast and marshland heal itself as water flows through them.

“The whole idea of these pens is that you use them in pairs or in greater numbers – four or five different pens in an area – that trap moving water and slow it down enough, so the sediment falls out of it,” Matherne said.

Over a period of years, trees from the program at one time successfully built up between 10 and 20 acres of newly created ground in the



Christmas trees dropped off by parish residents last year at one of the parish’s two tree collection locations.

La Branche area. The Christmas trees collected this year will still be used inside St. Charles Parish but will now be sent to the Simoneaux Ponds area near Bayou Gauche, where they will be used to help create an improved and diverse habitat for fish, ducks and other wildlife.

The tree recycling program was previously state funded, but as of around 2017, the parish began taking full control and funding it exclusively with St. Charles Parish tax dollars.

“The parish has decided it’s an important enough thing that the parish pays for it 100 percent,” Matherne explained. “We do



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Managing Chronic Pain

Chronic pain is pain that continues for an extended period of time or is constantly recurring. It is the leading cause of disability in the U.S. Chronic pain can last more than three to six months and can even last for years. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in 2019, 1 in 14 adults experienced high-impact chronic pain. This translates to having pain most days or every day in the past three months that limits daily life or work activities.

Injury, underlying medical disease and inflammation can cause complex chronic pain impacting daily functions such as job duties, hobbies and everyday living. Often, pain management physicians treat a wide range of chronic pain conditions, including lower back pain, upper back pain, neck pain, joint pain, headache, nerve pain, muscle pain, sports-related injuries, work-related injuries and cancer-related pain. Pain management physicians use diagnostic procedures to evaluate patients and confirm the origin of pain to determine treatment.

Interventional pain management entails a holistic approach to treating chronic pain with treatment plans tailored to the patient. Different methods, including physical therapy, medications, acupuncture, chiropractic care, massage and psychology support, are utilized for treatment. Interventional techniques and approaches are used to target specific conditions or sources of pain. Those with chronic arthritis, muscle

pain, nerve-related pain, headaches and back pain may benefit from interventional pain management.

A variety of treatments are available through interventional pain management. Ranging from epidural steroid injections, peripheral joint injections, muscle injections, nerve blocks and nerve ablation of the spine and peripheral to minor surgical procedures. In interventional pain management, physicians can perform peripheral nerve stimulation, spinal cord stimulation, sacroiliac joint fusion and kyphoplasty or vertebroplasty. Some treatments can be repeated in intervals depending on the procedure, patient and pain level.

These techniques are designed to help control pain for long periods and improve function. Interventional pain techniques and procedures can be an alternative to surgical procedures. Patients may also be able to participate in more physical therapy and exercise with pain relief.

Interventional pain management is available at Ochsner Health. It can help address chronic pain with the hope of improving quality of life.

Dr. Gerges Azer obtained a medical degree from the Faculty of Medicine at Alexandria University in Alexandria, Egypt. Dr. Azer completed a residency at the Cleveland Clinic in Florida and three fellowships, including chronic pain research at the Cleveland Clinic in

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Ohio, regional anesthesia/acute pain, and chronic pain at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) in Pennsylvania. Dr. Azer obtained two board certifications in anesthesia and pain medicine. Dr. Azer practices interventional pain medicine at Ochsner Health. To schedule an appointment with Dr. Azer at Ochsner St. Anne Hospital (141 Twin Oaks Dr, Raceland) and St. Charles Parish Hospital (1054 Paul Maillard Rd, Luling), call 1-866-624-7637 or visit www.ochsner.org.

Congress Set For A Busy January

Provided by **Ryan R. LeBlanc**

The Senate and the House have returned to work but are unlikely to get much done before the Christmas break—which means January is going to be busy.

To recap, Congress passed a short-term budget package before the Thanksgiving holiday to avoid a shutdown. But that gives legislators until January 19 to pass some of the budgets (Transportation, Housing and Urban Development) and until February 2 to pass other parts (Defense, Health and



Human Services).¹

Congress will leave D.C. before December 25 and will return to Washington on January 9, which leaves only a handful of days before the first deadline. House Speaker Mike Johnson has indicated that there will be no more short-term packages.¹

In addition to the regulator spending bills, Congress is expected to act on funding proposals for Israel, Ukraine, and the southern border.

If it sounds like a lot of “January headline risk,” you may be correct. So be

prepared for some volatility. We can hope for the best, but history suggests Congress may take its time working through the many issues.

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all of the funding on it, and every tree stays here – we don’t take trees from other places.”

Having administered the program for many years, Matherne said the strength of the local economy is usually a good indicator of how many Christmas trees they will collect each year. St. Charles Parish, the long-time administrator said, collectively

tends to buy more Christmas trees when residents are flush with cash at Christmas time.

“On really good years where everything’s booming...we’ll see anywhere between 8,000 to 10,000 Christmas trees,” Matherne said. “In the past couple of years that have been a little slower – we’re looking more like 4,000 to 5,000 [trees collected].”



St. Rose Elementary’s 2023-2024 Teacher of the Year

Jacob Thompson was chosen as St. Rose Elementary’s 2023-2024 Teacher of the Year. Coach Thompson teaches Physical Education at SRE. Pictured from left to right are Principal Shonda Harris and Coach Thompson.





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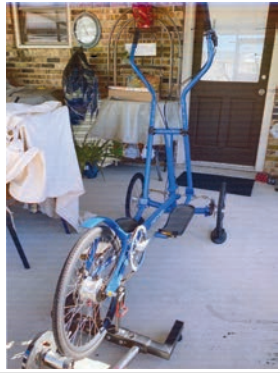
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SECTION 00 10 00 – ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Project Title: Education Training Center St. Charles Parish Hospital
Owner: St. Charles Parish Hospital, Managed by Ochsner Health
Description: Renovation of an unoccupied Business Suite at St. Charles Parish Hospital to Suite with Conference Rooms and Simulation Areas.
Location: 1057 Paul Maillard Road, Luling, LA 70070

Sealed bids will be received until the hour of **2:00 PM CST, on January 11, 2023** by St. Charles Parish Hospital District #1 in the Pelican Room, 1057 Paul Maillard Rd., Luling, LA 70070 and all bids will be publicly opened and read.

Education Training Center St. Charles Parish Hospital

To Obtain Bidding Documents:

Licensed General Contractors or their agent may obtain one (1) set of the complete bidding documents from Rozas-Ward Architects, 1100 Poydras St., Ste. 3550, New Orleans, LA 70163. Contractors shall call ahead at (504) 523-4375 to coordinate pick-up.

Alternately, Bidding documents may be accessed online through a uniform and secure electronic interactive system. WWW.CENTRALBIDDING.COM

No bidding documents will be issued later than 24 hours prior to the date and time set for the bid opening. **Late bids will not be accepted.**

Bids received in violation of LSA-R.S. 37:2163 (failure to provide contractor's license number on the bid envelope) shall be stamped "Rejected", returned unopened to the bidder and shall not be read aloud.

Contractors are provided the option to submit bid for public contracts through a uniform and secure electronic interactive system: WWW.CENTRALBIDDING.COM Comply with electronic bidding as stated in the Louisiana Bid Law 2212.1.

Sealed bids must have project name boldly displayed on outside of envelope.

Each bid must be accompanied by certified check, cashier's check or bid bond made payable to St. Charles Parish Hospital and acceptable to the owner in the amount equal to five (5%) of the total amount bid, including all alternates, and payable without condition to the owner as guarantee that the bidder, if awarded the contract, will promptly execute a contract in accordance with his/her proposal and all terms and conditions of the contract documents. A bid bond shall comply with LSA-R.S. 38:2218(B) and 38:2219, as applicable.

The owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive formalities and to reject non-conforming, non-responsive, unbalanced or conditional bids or bids submitted by non-responsible parties pursuant to the law. **Bids which deviate from the project plan and specifications will not be considered.**

Education Training Center St. Charles Parish Hospital
St. Charles Parish Hospital District #1
1057 Paul Maillard Rd.
Luling, LA 70070

A **Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference** will be held on **12/19/2023 at 2:00 PM CST** located in the Pelican Room, 1057 Paul Maillard Rd., Luling, LA 70070. Walk through of area will follow. Please note that attendees arriving later than **2:05 PM** will not be granted admittance to the meeting. Bids received from Contractors who did not attend the mandatory pre-bid conference will not be considered.

Published in the Bids and Proposal Section of the Herald Guide Newspaper on **12/14/23, 12/21/23 and 12/28/23.**

Public Notice



Advertisement for Request for Proposals

Interested firms are invited to submit proposals to St. Charles Parish Public Schools ("SCPPS") electronically via the Central Auction House website located at the "Online Bids & RFPs" link under the Resources tab at the SCPPS website <https://www.stcharles.k12.la.us/>. Questions should be submitted electronically via the online site no later than **Friday, January 19, 2024**. Firms are responsible for checking the website above periodically for any updates or revisions to the Request for Proposals ("RFP").

All proposals will be accepted until **12:00 pm** local time (**Central Standard Time**) on **Wednesday, January 31, 2024**. All proposals received will be taken under advisement as submitted by the assigned date and time at SCPPS. All requirements must be addressed in your proposal. Non-responsive proposals will not be considered. Failure to follow these instructions could result in disqualification of the proposal. SCPPS reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

All proposals, whether selected or rejected, shall become the property of the SCPPS. All information submitted with the proposal must be typed or legibly written. The proposal must be signed and dated by a representative of the firm who is authorized to negotiate contracts.

Proposals are hereby requested for the following:

Document Imaging Hardware, Software, and Support Services

Additional information and documents may be obtained free of charge by contacting the office of **Mr. Ronald White, Jr. Chief Financial Officer**, at SCPPS, 13855 River Road, Luling, LA 70070. Call (985) 785-6289 for documents or questions. Firms are not allowed to contact other SCPPS departments, schools or centers about the RFP.

Advertising dates in the **St. Charles Herald-Guide**, official journal of SCPPS, shall be:

1st Listing: December 21, 2023
2nd Listing: December 28, 2023
3rd Listing: January 4, 2024

St. Charles Parish Public Schools
Arthur Aucoin, School Board President
Dr. Ken Oertling, Superintendent
13855 River Road
Luling, LA 70070

Public Notice

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of **Lonny Schaubhut**, please contact the Law Office of Joseph Rochelle at 110 Avenue of Oaks, Destrehan, LA 70047, or by calling 985-722-4003."

Publish: December 21 & 28, 2023

Public Notice

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of **Milton J. Detillier's heirs or descendants**, please contact the Law Office of Joseph Rochelle at 110 Avenue of Oaks, Destrehan, LA 70047, or by calling 985-722-4003."

Publish: December 21 & 28, 2023

Public Notice

"Anyone with information as to the whereabouts of **Jane Royal** or any heirs, successors, or assigns, contact Megan M. Richardson, Attorney 985-240-9773. **IMPORTANT RIGHTS INVOLVED**"

Publish: December 28, 2023 & January 4, 2024

Public Notice

"Anyone with information as to the whereabouts of **Dollinda S. Scott** or any heirs, successors, or assigns, contact Megan M. Richardson, Attorney 985-240-9773. **IMPORTANT RIGHTS INVOLVED**"

Publish: December 28, 2023 & January 4, 2024

Public Notice



ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

A. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Sealed bids are requested by St. Charles Parish School Board from general contractors for construction of:

J.B. MARTIN MIDDLE SCHOOL ELEVATOR ADDITION

Bids will be received at the **St. Charles Parish School Board**, Physical Plant Services, 13855 River Road, Luling, Louisiana 70070 at **1:00 P.M., LOCAL TIME, Thursday, January 18, 2024**, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Dufresne Conference Room.

B. BID DOCUMENTS AND DEPOSITS

Complete Bid Documents for this project are available in electronic form. They may be obtained without charge and without deposit by visiting the public projects area at www.centralauctionhouse.com. Printed copies may be obtained from Infinity Engineering Consultants, LLC (504-304-0548) upon payment of a deposit of \$100.00 for each set of documents. The deposit or a portion of the deposit is returnable as provided in the Instructions to Bidders.

Bidding documents are also available at www.stcharles.k12.la.us under “Resources,” select “Online Bids, RFP’s, etc.

All other questions regarding the scope of work of the project should be directed to the Project Engineer in writing via email only: sgholston@infinityec.com.

C. BID SECURITY AND PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENTS BONDS

Bids must be accompanied by a bid security at least equal to five percent (5%) of the base bid and all additive alternates in the form of a certified check, cashier’s check or bid bond. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond and a payment bond, each in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount.

Contract, if awarded, will be on the basis of the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, if within the budget. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 45 days after bid opening except as provided by law.

Bidders must meet the requirements of the State of Louisiana Contractor’s Licensing Law, R.S. 37:2151 et seq.

D. REJECTION OF BIDS

St. Charles Parish School Board reserves the right to award the project on whatever basis is in the interest of the Owner and to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive technicalities and informalities as allowed by law.

E. PRE-BID CONFERENCE

A **PRE-BID CONFERENCE** will be held at the **St. Charles Parish School Board Dufresne Conference Room**, 13855 River Road, Luling, LA on **Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.** Attendance at this pre-bid conference is Mandatory.

F. ADVERTISEMENT DATES

LEGAL AD TO RUN: December 21, 2023
December 28, 2023
January 4, 2024

St. Charles Parish Public Schools
Arthur A. Aucoin, President
Dr. Ken Oertling, Superintendent
13855 River Road, Luling, LA 70070

Public Notice

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS
INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING
BY THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL,
ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024,
6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, PARISH
COURTHOUSE, 15045 RIVER ROAD,
HAHNVILLE:

2023-0229 (12/18/23, Jewell, M. Bingham)
An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Alpha Testing and Inspection, Inc., to perform testing services for the Primrose Canal Cleaning and Improvements (Project No. P210202), in the not to exceed amount of \$26,000.00.

2023-0363 (12/18/23, Jewell, C. Chiasson)
An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Cooperative Endeavor Agreement among St. Charles Parish Hospital, St. Charles Parish School Board, St. Charles Parish Sheriff Department, St. Charles Parish Housing Authority, and St. Charles Parish for the Hurricane Ida Recovery Fund.

2023-0365 (12/18/23, Jewell, M. Bingham)
An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with MB3 Inc. D/B/A Civix, to perform consulting services for Right of Way Acquisition and Program Management (Project No. P230901), in the not to exceed amount of \$150,000.00.

2023-0366 (12/18/23, Jewell, G. Dussom)
An ordinance to amend the 2023 Consolidated Operating and Capital Budget to adjust Beginning Fund Balances to Actuals and to adjust Revenues and Expenditures in various funds.

PUBLISH: December 21, 28, 2023
January 4, 2024

Public Notice

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Port of South Louisiana (herein referred to as the “Owner”) hereby solicits bids for **Globalplex Roadway Improvements: Parking Area Near Marine Security Operation Center, Planning and Construction (St. John the Baptist Parish) FP&C No. 36-P21-22-04 Roadway Improvements** at its Globalplex Facility located in Reserve, Louisiana.

Sealed bids marked "Sealed Bid" – **Globalplex Roadway Improvements: Parking Area Near Marine Security Operation Center , Planning and Construction (St. John the Baptist Parish) FP&C No. 36-P21-22-04, Project # 4 - Port Roadway Improvements** to be funded by the Port of South Louisiana will be received by the Owner for the construction of the project described as follows:

The proposed project consists of the improvement of the Port of South Louisiana’s existing gravel parking areas and roadways. The proposed project will consist of parking and roadway improvements including portland cement concrete paving of existing gravel parking and roadways.

Sealed Bids shall be addressed to the Attn: Executive Director, Sealed Bid Enclosed – **Globalplex Roadway Improvements: Parking Area Near Marine Security Operation Center, Planning and Construction (St. John the Baptist Parish) FP&C No. 36-P21-22-04, Project #4 Port Roadway Improvements**, Contractor’s License Number and Contractor’s name should be printed outside of the sealed bid and mailed or delivered to: Port of South Louisiana, 1720 Highway 44, Reserve, Louisiana 70084 not later than **12:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 30, 2024**. Any bid received after the specified time and date will not be considered. Bidders may also view project details and submit bids electronically at www.centralbidding.com. The sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at **12:00 p.m. on the 30th day of January 2024, at 1720 Highway 44, Reserve, Louisiana 70084**

Bids shall be accepted from Contractors who are licensed under the classification of Municipal and Public Works Construction.

A PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD:

TIME & DATE: Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Port of South Louisiana
Globalplex Building 60
1720 Highway 44
Reserve, LA 70084

The information for Bidders, Form of Bid Proposal, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bond, and other contract documents may be viewed at www.centralbidding.com or examined at the Port of South Louisiana Administration Building, 1720 Highway 44, Reserve, Louisiana 70084 or Office of the Engineer for the contract, Shread-Kuyrkendall and Associates, Inc., located at 13016 Justice Avenue, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70816. Hard copies may be obtained at Shread-Kuyrkendall and Associates, Inc. upon payment of \$300.00 which amount constitutes the cost of reproduction, shipping, and handling. This deposit will be refunded upon request in accordance with R.S. 38:2212. Electronic copies are available upon request at no charge.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids for just cause; such actions will be in accordance with Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statute.

Each Bidder must deposit with his/her bid, security in the amount 5%, form, and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. Sureties used for obtaining bonds must appear as acceptable on the U.S. Department of Treasury Circular 570.

No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

In accordance with 38:2212 B(2)Any public entity advertising for public work shall use only the Louisiana Uniform Bid Form as promulgated in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act by the division of administration, office of facility planning and control. The bidding documents shall require only the following information and documentation to be submitted by a bidder at the time designated in the advertisement for bid opening: Bid Security or Bid Bond; Acknowledgment of Addenda; Base Bid; Alternates; Signature of Bidder; Name, Title, and Address of Bidder; Name of Firm or Joint Venture; Corporate Resolution or written evidence of the authority of the person signing the bid; and Louisiana Contractors License Number, and on public works projects where unit prices are utilized, a section on the bid form where the unit price utilized in the bid shall be set forth including a description for each unit; however, unit prices shall not be utilized for the construction of building projects, unless the unit prices and their extensions are incorporated into the base bid or alternates. If a public entity adds any additional requirements for information, unless mandated by state or federal requirements, the requirements shall be void and not considered in the award of the contract. Any timely change by a bidder to the bid prior to submission of the bid shall be scratched through and initialed by the bidder or the person who submits the bid. The change as initialed shall be binding.

B (3)(a) The bidding documents shall not require any bidder, other than the apparent low bidder, to furnish any other information or documentation, including the Attestation Affidavit and the E-Verification Form, any sooner than ten days after the date bids are opened; however, the apparent low bidder may submit such information or documentation at any time prior to the expiration of the ten-day period. If the apparent low bidder does not submit the proper information or documentation as required by the bidding documents within the ten-day period, such bidder shall be declared non-responsive, and the public entity may award the bid to the next lowest bidder, and afford the next lowest bidder not less than ten days from the date the apparent low bidder is declared non-responsive, to submit the proper information and documentation as required by the bidding documents, and may continue such process until the public entity either determines the low bidder or rejects all bids.

In accordance with La R.S. 38:2212 B. (5) Written evidence of the authority of the person signing the bid for public works shall be submitted at the time of bidding. The authority of the signature of the person submitting the bid shall be deemed sufficient and acceptable if any of the following conditions are met:

- (a) The signature on the bid is that of any corporate officer listed on the most current annual report on file with the secretary of state, or the signature on the bid is that of any member of a partnership, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or other legal entity listed in the most current business records on file with the secretary of state.
- (b) The signature on the bid is that of an authorized representative as documented by the legal entity certifying the authority of the person.
- (c) The legal entity has filed in the appropriate records of the secretary of state of this state, an affidavit, resolution, or other acknowledged or authentic document indicating the names of all parties authorized to submit bids for public contracts. Such document on file with the secretary of state shall remain in effect and shall be binding upon the principal until specifically rescinded and canceled from the records of the office.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond guaranteeing faithful performance and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond guaranteeing the payment of all bills and obligations arising from the performance of the contract.

Pursuant to LSA-R.S. 38:2215, the Owner and the low bidder may, by mutual agreement, extend the award by one or more 30 calendar day extensions.

Contractor employees must be able to legally work in the United States – either a U.S. citizen or foreign citizen who has the necessary authorization.

All required Certificates of Liability Insurance shall list the Port of South Louisiana as “additionally insured”.

The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder without discrimination on grounds of race, color, sex or national origin. Disadvantaged businesses are encouraged to submit bids.

The Contractor shall begin mobilization and procurement of materials within ten (10) working days of the receipt of the Notice to Proceed.

The Work shall be substantially completed within 120 Days.

The Owner is tax exempt and will issue a Designation of Construction Contractor as Agent of a Governmental Entity Sales Tax Exemption Certificate to the successful bidder.

Liquidated Damages shall be five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per day.

“Any person with disabilities requiring Special Accommodations must contact the Port of South Louisiana, 1720 Highway 44, Reserve, Louisiana, 70084, (985) 652-9278 no later than seven (7) days prior to bid opening”.

IN PARTICULAR, BIDDERS SHOULD NOTE THE REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS AND CERTIFICATIONS TO BE EXECUTED AND SUBMITTED WITH THE FORM OF BID PROPOSAL.

To be Advertised:

Date 12/28/23

Date 1/4/24

Date 1/11/24

Public Notice

Port of South Louisiana (herein referred to as the “Owner”) hereby solicits bids for **Globalplex Roadway Improvements: Parking Area Near Building 2, Planning and Construction (St. John the Baptist Parish) FP&C No. 36-P21-22-02** Roadway Improvements at its Globalplex Facility located in Reserve, Louisiana.

Sealed bids marked "Sealed Bid" – **Globalplex Roadway Improvements: Parking Area Near Building 2, Planning and Construction (St. John the Baptist Parish) FP&C No. 36-P21-22-02, Project # 2 - Port Roadway Improvements** to be funded by the Port of South Louisiana will be received by the Owner for the construction of the project described as follows:

The proposed project consists of the improvement of the Port of South Louisiana’s existing gravel parking areas and roadways. The proposed project will consist of parking and roadway improvements including portland cement concrete paving of existing gravel parking and roadways.

Sealed Bids shall be addressed to the Attn: Executive Director, Sealed Bid Enclosed – **Globalplex Roadway Improvements: Parking Area Near Building 2, Planning and Construction (St. John the Baptist Parish) FP&C No. 36-P21-22-02, Project No. 2 Port Roadway Improvements**, Contractor’s License Number and Contractor’s name should be printed outside of the sealed bid and mailed or delivered to: Port of South Louisiana, 1720 Highway 44, Reserve, Louisiana 70084 not later than **11:00 a.m., on Tuesday, January 30, 2024**. Any bid received after the specified time and date will not be considered. Bidders may also view project details and submit bids electronically at www.centralbidding.com. The sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at **11:00 a.m. on the 30th day of January, 2024**, at 1720 Highway 44, Reserve, Louisiana 70084

Bids shall be accepted from Contractors who are licensed under the classification of Municipal and Public Works Construction.

A PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD:

TIME & DATE: Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Port of South Louisiana
Globalplex Building 60
1720 Highway 44
Reserve, LA 70084

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The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids for just cause; such actions will be in accordance with Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statute.

Each Bidder must deposit with his/her bid, security in the amount 5%, form, and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. Sureties used for obtaining bonds must appear as acceptable on the U.S. Department of Treasury Circular 570.

No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

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Public Notice

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Bids shall be accepted from Contractors who are licensed under the classification of Municipal and Public Works Construction.

A PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD:

TIME & DATE: Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.
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In accordance with La R.S. 38:2212 B. (5) Written evidence of the authority of the person signing the bid for public works shall be submitted at the time of bidding. The authority of the signature of the person submitting the bid shall be deemed sufficient and acceptable if any of the following conditions are met:

(a) The signature on the bid is that of any corporate officer listed on the most current annual report on file with the secretary of state, or the signature on the bid is that of any member of a partnership, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or other legal entity listed in the most current business records on file with the secretary of state.

(b) The signature on the bid is that of an authorized representative as documented by the legal entity certifying the authority of the person.

(c) The legal entity has filed in the appropriate records of the secretary of state of this state, an affidavit, resolution, or other acknowledged or authentic document indicating the names of all parties authorized to submit bids for public contracts. Such document on file with the secretary of state shall remain in effect and shall be binding upon the principal until specifically rescinded and canceled from the records of the office.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond guaranteeing faithful performance and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond guaranteeing the payment of all bills and obligations arising from the performance of the contract.

Pursuant to LSA-R.S. 38:2215, the Owner and the low bidder may, by mutual agreement, extend the award by one or more 30 calendar day extensions.

Contractor employees must be able to legally work in the United States – either a U.S. citizen or foreign citizen who has the necessary authorization.

All required Certificates of Liability Insurance shall list the Port of South Louisiana as “additionally insured”.

The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder without discrimination on grounds of race, color, sex or national origin. Disadvantaged businesses are encouraged to submit bids.

The Contractor shall begin mobilization and procurement of materials within ten (10) working days of the receipt of the Notice to Proceed.

The Work shall be substantially completed within 120 Days.

The Owner is tax exempt and will issue Designation of Construction Contractor as Agent of a Governmental Entity Sales Tax Exemption Certificate (as needed) to the successful bidder.

Liquidated Damages shall be five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per day.

“Any person with disabilities requiring Special Accommodations must contact the Port of South Louisiana, 1720 Highway 44, Reserve, Louisiana, 70084, (985) 652-9278 no later than seven (7) days prior to bid opening”.

IN PARTICULAR, BIDDERS SHOULD NOTE THE REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS AND CERTIFICATIONS TO BE EXECUTED AND SUBMITTED WITH THE FORM OF BID PROPOSAL.

To be Advertised:

Date 12/28/23

Date 1/4/24

Date 1/11/24

Public Notice

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)
Small Unmanned Aircraft System (sUAS)
 (“Project”)

The Port of South Louisiana (“**PORT**”) is soliciting competitive requests for proposals from qualified responsible Proposers for procurement, delivery, and installation of one (1) Small Unmanned Aircraft System (sUAS), complete with camera, battery and other associated equipment as detailed in this RFP. PORT will receive sealed proposals for that purpose, until **Monday, February 5, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST)**, (“Submission Deadline”). Proposals not received by the PORT as of the Submission Deadline will not be considered responsive and will not be opened. Proposals not meeting specified delivery and methods of submittal will not be considered responsive and will not be opened. Proposals received via facsimile (fax), or electronic mail (e-mail) shall not be considered. PORT reserves the right to extend the Submission Deadline by issuing an Addendum.

The purpose of this RFP is to solicit competitive proposals from qualified responsible Proposers to procure, deliver, and install one (1) sUAS, complete with camera, battery, and other associated equipment as detailed in this RFP. This RFP includes the system support, maintenance, and warranty for three (3) years, as well as parts for maintenance, repairs, and battery backup. This is for the PORT of South Louisiana Security Team and shall be delivered to 1720 Louisiana Hwy 44, Reserve, LA 70084. Proposers shall refer to the RFP documents for detailed deliverables.

The information contained in this proposal contains Sensitive Security Information (SSI) as identified in 49 CFR Part 15 – Protection of Sensitive Security Information. Therefore, the PORT requires, a Mutual Non-Disclosure Agreement (MNDa) be executed prior to receiving the RFP. Proposer’s may pick up a copy of the MNDa at the PORT’s Administrative Office at 1720 Louisiana Highway 44, Reserve, LA 70084, download the MNDa from www.centralbidding.com or request a copy at bids@portsl.com on or before **January 12, 2024, by 4:00 p.m. CST**.

Port of South Louisiana has been awarded Port Security Grant Number EMW-2021-PU-00028-4 from the Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) Port Security Grant Program (“PSGP”) for FY2021 which will partially be funding the products and services to be provided by Proposer to PORT pursuant to this RFP. Proposer will comply with all applicable local, state and federal law, regulations, executive orders, FEMA policies, procedures, directives and the following:

- [2 CFR Part 200 – Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards](#),
- [Appendix II to Part 200 – Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards](#)
- [FEMA Procurement Disaster Assistance Team \(PDAT\) FIELD MANUAL](#),
- [DHS Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\) Fiscal Year 2022 Port Security Grant Program \(PSGP\)](#)
- [FEMA Manual \(FM\) 207-22-0001 Fiscal Year 2021 Preparedness Grants Manual FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Version 2, February 2021](#)
- [GPD IB No. 400 FEMA’s Implementation of 2 C.F.R. Part 200, the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards \(“Super Circular” or “Omni Circular”](#)
- Section 889(b) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (FY 2019 NDAA), Pub. L. No. 115-232 (2018), as implemented through 2 C.F.R. § 200.216 and FEMA Policy #405-143-1, Prohibitions on Expending FEMA Award Funds for Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services (Interim) applies to this RFP.
- [List of Equipment and Services Covered by Section 2 of the Security and Trusted Communications Network Act](#)

Proposals are subject to all terms, conditions, and provisions of this document, including Affirmative Action, Equal Employment Opportunity, and Build America Buy America Act (BABAa) regulations. Proposers shall read and understand the requirements of this RFP.

The Port will forward the RFP and any Addendums upon receipt of fully executed MNDa. PORT reserves the right to modify all or any of the same at any time prior to the Submission Deadline through an Addendum.

A Proposer will be selected through a qualification-based selection process. Proposers interested in providing services must submit a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) that addresses the evaluation criteria defined in the RFP. Information included within the SOQ may be used to evaluate your firm as part of any criteria regardless of where that information is found within the SOQ. Information obtained from the SOQ and from any other relevant source may be used in the evaluation and selection process.

Evaluation of submitted proposals will be based on the following criteria:

No.	Points	Criteria Description
1	20	Overall Experience of Company and Demonstrated Results Our evaluation will include an assessment of the history of your company, your experience as it relates to the requirements within this RFP, evidence of past performance, quality and relevance of past work, references, and related items.
2	20	Ability to meet PORTS schedule for expeditiously completing assignments. Time is of the essence to purchase and install this equipment. Is the Proposer able to order and supply equipment on or before 06/30/2024?
3	30	Experience in Operating Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) Has your company provided sUAS to a Maritime Facility before?
4	15	Cost Effectiveness of Price Quotation Effective and efficient delivery of quality services is demonstrated in relation to the budget allocation. The allocation is reasonable and appropriate.
5	5	Completeness of Proposal and adherence to RFP Instructions
6	5	Value-add plan that includes additional products/services that are relevant to the current scope of work but are outside the current scope of work will be give considerations by the evaluation committee.
7	5	DBE/SBE Qualified small or minority-owned Proposers, women business enterprise or labor surplus area Proposers.

All proposals must be made in the form and on the forms (and contain all certificates, documentation, and information) required by the RFP documents. Any proposal that does not fully comply with any requirement of the RFP documents will be considered non-responsive, and PORT shall be entitled to reject. PORT further reserves it’s right to reject any and all proposals at any time. PORT reserves the right to waive any minor informality or mere irregularity contained in any proposal.

No proposal will be construed to be binding on PORT unless (i) a Contract first has been awarded by its Board of Commissioners at a public meeting, (ii) the Contract has been duly executed by each of the Contractor and PORT, and (iii) all conditions applicable to such award of the Contract and as otherwise may be set forth in the Contract Documents have been fully satisfied.

For requests for Information (RFI) regarding any questions or requests for clarifications regarding this Request for Proposals, Proposers must submit a written request for information on or before **January 19, 2024, 4:00 p.m. CST** to bids@portsl.com. The Port will provide a response to the Request for Information on or before **January 26 2024, by 4:00 p.m. CST**, in the form of an addendum.

Sealed proposals must be received with all required submittals as stated in the RFP, no later **than** the Submission Deadline. Sealed Proposals may be delivered to 1720 Louisiana Highway 44 Reserve, Louisiana 70084 or www.centralbidding.com on or before the Submission Deadline.

A. The proposal package consists of two (2) sealed packages. Both sealed packages should be submitted online at www.centralbidding.com or delivered to the PORTs Administrative Office.

B. The first sealed package should contain an original and two (2) bound, full, complete, and exact copies of the Technical Proposal and an electronic proposal via a Flash Drive in a sealed opaque envelope. The package should be clearly labeled “Small Unmanned Aircraft System” Project # EMW-2021-PU-00028-4” and identify the name and address of the Proposer.

C. The second sealed package should contain an original and one (1) full, complete, and exact copies of the Cost Proposal. The package should be clearly labeled– “Cost Proposal for Small Unmanned Aircraft System” Project # EMW-2021-PU-00028-4” that all copies and all electronic media are identical to the Proposer’s hardcopy, original submission. In case of a discrepancy, the hard copy shall govern.

By: [Mr. Paul Mathews, Executive Director/CEO](#)
Dates of Publication:
12/28/2023
01/04/2024
01/11/2024

Public Notice

Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that **St. Charles Parish, as Responsible Entity under Part 58**, has determined that the following proposed action under the **Community Development Block Grant – MIT program** is located in the **floodplain**, and **St. Charles Parish** will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the **floodplain** and the potential impacts on the **floodplain** from the proposed action, as required by **Executive Order 11988**, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

St. Charles Parish proposes utilizing approximately \$6 million in CDBG-MIT funding to complete the Ormond Area Flood Mitigation project. This project proposes to install culverts under the Canadian National Railroad in the Ormond neighborhood in Destrehan, Louisiana. A portion of the project site is in an AE flood zone.

St. Charles Parish has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values:

The practicable alternatives for this project are as follows:

- 1) Conduct a flood mitigation project in another area.
- 2) Reduce the project size and scope.
- 3) No action alternative.

The following mitigation measures will be taken to minimize adverse impacts from this activity:

- 1) The Parish will maintain its participation in the NFIP to mitigate possible flood damage.
- 2) All permitting requirements will be met in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local rules and regulations.
- 3) The project itself is a mitigation project which will reduce the flooding risk for residents of St. Charles Parish who live in the Ormond neighborhood.

St. Charles Parish has reevaluated the alternatives to undertaking construction activities in the **floodplain** and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of **Executive Order 11988**, are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in **floodplains** and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about **floodplains** can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in **floodplains**, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by **St. Charles Parish** at the following address on or before **January 4th, 2024: St. Charles Parish, Grants Office, 15045 River Road, Hahnville, LA 70057 and 985-783-5000**. Attention: **Carla Chiasson, Grants Officer**. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at **15045 River Road, Hahnville, LA 70057 and <https://www.stcharlesparish.gov/residents/grants>**. Comments may also be submitted via email at cchiasson@stcharlesgov.net.

St. Charles Parish may also be reached through the LA Relay Communications System at the following numbers:

Access #'s:
Voice Users: 1-800-947-5277
Speech to Speech: 1-888-272-5530
TTY Users: 1-800-846-5277
Spanish/Español: 1-800-737-1813
Email: larelay@hamiltonrelay.com

This service is free of charge.

Date: December 28, 2023

Public Notice

ORDINANCES ADOPTED AT THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 4, 2023, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED AS AN OFFICIAL EXTRACT OF THE MINUTES IN A PREVIOUS EDITION OF THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL.



St. Charles Parish

Meeting Minutes

Parish Council

Final

Council Chairman Beth A. Billings
Councilmembers Holly Fonseca, La Sandra Darenbourg Gordon,
Mary K. Clulee, Dick Gibbs, Nicky Dufrene, Marilyn B. Bellock,
Bob Fisher, Julia Fisher-Cormier

St. Charles Parish
Courthouse
15045 Highway 18
P.O. Box 302
Hahnville, LA 70057
985-783-5000
www.stcharlesparish.gov

Monday, December 4, 2023 6:00 PM Council Chambers, Courthouse

ATTENDANCE

Present 7 - Beth A. Billings, Holly Fonseca, La Sandra Darenbourg Gordon, Mary K. Clulee, Marilyn B. Bellock, Bob Fisher, and Julia Fisher-Cormier
Absent 2 - Dick Gibbs, and Nicky Dufrene

Also Present

Parish President Matthew Jewell, Legal Services Director Corey Outbre, Legal Services Assistant Director Robert Raymond, Chief Administrative Officer Mike Palamona, Chief Operations Officer Darrin Duhe, Executive Director of Technology and Cybersecurity Anthony Aye, Director of CommunicationsPublic Information Officer Samantha de Castro, Finance Director Grant Dussom, Public Works Director Miles Bingham, Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert, Economic Development & Tourism Director Corey Fauchaux, R.S.V.P. Director Jeanne Arable, Eric Berteau, Contract Monitoring Specialist, Blaine Fauchaux, Public Information Office

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm.

PRAYER / PLEDGE

Pastor D. B. Mollaire
Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Norco

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Fonseca, seconded by Councilmember Darenbourg Gordon, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of November 20, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darenbourg Gordon, Clulee, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier
Nay: 0
Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Dufrene

SPECIAL BUSINESS (PROCLAMATIONS, CANVASS RETURNS, ETC.)

2023-0329

In Recognition: Kolby Alan Torres, Eagle Scout

Sponsors: Mr. Fisher
Read

2023-0330

In Recognition: Kyle Anthony Torres, Eagle Scout

Sponsors: Mr. Gibbs
Read

2023-0331

In Recognition: William Warren Degenhart, Jr., Eagle Scout

Sponsors: Ms. Clulee
Read

2023-0332

Proclamation: Christmas Celebration

Sponsors: Ms. Clulee
Read

2023-0333

Proclamation: Toy and Gift Fund Week

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell
Read

REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES)

2023-0334

Eric Berteau, Contract Monitoring Specialist reported.
Councilwoman Fonseca spoke on the matter.
Councilwoman Fisher-Cormier spoke on the matter.
Mr. Berteau spoke on the matter.
Councilwoman Bellock spoke on the matter.
Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.
Chairman Billings spoke on the matter.

Reported

2023-0335

Parish President Remarks/Report

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell
Parish President Matthew Jewell reported.

Councilwoman Fonseca spoke on the matter.
President Jewell spoke on the matter.
Councilwoman Darenbourg Gordon spoke on the matter.
Councilwoman Bellock spoke on the matter.

Reported

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, SECTION B OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, CHAIRMAN BILLINGS AUTHORIZED THAT THE ORDINANCES, HAVING BEEN PRESENTED FOR INTRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTED TO COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT, AND NOT REJECTED BY TWO-THIRDS OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS, ARE TO BE PUBLISHED IN SUMMARY FORM AS FOLLOWS IN THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL WITH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2023, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

2023-0341

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 (Final) for the St. Charles Parish Memorial Plaza (Parish Project No. CMPK0418), to decrease the contract amount by \$2,158.05 and increase the contract time by 409 days.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Parks and Recreation
Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on December 18, 2023

2023-0343

An ordinance to approve and authorize the Parish President to execute an Act of Sale from Patricia Bourgeois wife of/and James J. Poche for the purchase of property at 679 West Pine Street, Norco, Louisiana, for drainage improvements to the Engineer's Pump Station.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works
Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on December 18, 2023

2023-0344

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Contract with Omega Foundation Services, Inc., for Primrose Canal Cleaning and Improvements - Phase 1A (Project No. P210202), in the amount of \$2,757,000.00.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on December 18, 2023

2023-0345

An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 22, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, Article IV. General Sewer Use Regulations, Section 22-80. (1)(a) User charges and connection charges.; and Chapter 23, Water, Article I. In General, Section 23-3. Water user charges. (e), to limit each annual adjustment so as to not be below 0.00% and not to exceed 2.5% effective January 1, 2024.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Waterworks

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on December 18, 2023

PLANNING AND ZONING PETITIONS

2023-0314

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the zoning classification from O-L to M-2 on approximately 317 acres across portions of Lots B-1, "A", and Parcels H-3 and L-3, Killona as requested by Louis G. Authement and Harry R. Coleman, III for 3C Riverside Properties, LLC.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Planning & Zoning

Reported:
P & Z Department Recommended: Denial
Planning Commission Recommended: Approval
Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert spoke on the matter.

Speakers:
Mr. Louis Authement, Luling

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Council Discussion
Mr. Albert spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darenbourg Gordon, Clulee, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Dufrene

Enactment No: 23-12-1

ORDINANCES SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING (INTRODUCED AT PREVIOUS MEETING)

2023-0302

An ordinance approving and authorizing the exchange of property located at the Bayou Gauche Park with the Bayou Gauche Fire Department.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Legal Services

Reported:
Legal Services Department Recommended: Approval
Legal Services Director Corey Outbre spoke on the matter.

Speakers:
Mr. Ronnie Jacob, President and Captain of Bayou Gauche Fire Department

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darenbourg Gordon, Clulee, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Dufrene

Enactment No: 23-12-2

2023-0318

An ordinance to rescind Ordinance No. 90-12-16, which approved and authorized the adjustment of the annual compensation of the Parish President of St. Charles Parish, and Ordinance No. 98-11-1, which approved and authorized the adjustment of the annual compensation of the members of the St. Charles Parish Council effective January 10, 2000.

Sponsors: Ms. Fonseca, Ms. Billings, Ms. Darenbourg Gordon, Ms. Clulee, Mr. Gibbs and Mr. Fisher

Reported:
Councilwoman Fonseca Recommended: Approval
Councilwoman Billings Recommended: Approval
Councilwoman Darenbourg Gordon Recommended: Approval
Councilwoman Clules Recommended: Approval
Councilman Gibbs Recommended: Approval
Councilman Fisher Recommended: Approval
Councilwoman Fonseca spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 6 - Billings, Fonseca, Darenbourg Gordon, Clulee, Bellock and Fisher

Nay: 1 - Fisher-Cormier

Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Dufrene

Enactment No: 23-12-3

2023-0319

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 22-4-2 which approved a Professional Services Agreement with Stuart Consulting Group, Inc., for the Ormond Center Drainage Improvements (Project No. P190505), in the not to exceed amount of \$171,763.00.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works

Reported:
Public Works Department Recommended: Approval
Public Works Director Miles Bingham spoke on the matter.

Speakers:
Mr. Walter Pilié, Destrehan

Mr. Bingham spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darenbourg Gordon, Clulee, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Dufrene

Enactment No: 23-12-4

2023-0323

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Crescent Engineering & Mapping, LLC, to perform surveying services for the Crescent Engineering Boundary Surveys Master Contract (Project No. P231101), in the not to exceed amount of \$150,000.00.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works

Reported:
Public Works Department Recommended: Approval
Public Works Director Miles Bingham spoke on the matter.

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Council Discussion
Mr. Bingham spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darenbourg Gordon, Clulee, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Dufrene

Enactment No: 23-12-5

2023-0324

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of an Agreement for Adjudicated and/or Land Banked Property Sale Services with Archon Information Systems, L.L.C. d/b/a Civic Source to provide marketing services and to conduct multi-property real estate auctions of adjudicated properties.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Legal Services

Reported: Legal Services Department Recommended: Approval Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert spoke on the matter. Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied	
Council Discussion Mr. Albert spoke on the matter. VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE Yea: 8 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier Nay: 1 - Clulee Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Dufrene Enactment No: 23-12-6	
2023-0325 An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 and Final for the Ama Drainage Improvements Rebid, Project No. P150801-2, to increase the contract amount by \$80,971.85 and increase the contract time by 218 calendar days. Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works Reported: Public Works Department Recommended: Approval Public Works Director Miles Bingham spoke on the matter. Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied	
VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier Nay: 0 Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Dufrene Enactment No: 23-12-7	
2023-0326 An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Bunge Chevron AG Renewables, LLC and St. Charles Parish relative to the design, development, construction, expansion and/or extension of Noel Street from Lorraine Street to Jonathan Street (the "Project"). Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Planning & Zoning Reported: P & Z Department Recommended: Approval Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert spoke on the matter. Mr. Albert stated that Administration requested to table this item. Chairman Billings spoke on the matter. Legal Services Director Corey Oubre spoke on the matter. Public Hearing Requirements Not Satisfied A motion was made by Councilmember Clulee, seconded by Councilmember Fonseca, to Table File No. 2023-0326. The motion carried by the following vote: Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier Nay: 0 Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Dufrene	
2023-0327 An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Cancellation of Lease and an Act of Conveyance of a certain piece of property with Hospital Service District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana, for the improvements located thereon at 145 Angus Drive in Luling, Louisiana. Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Legal Services Reported: Legal Services Department Recommended: Approval Legal Services Assistant Director Robert Raymond spoke on the matter. Speakers: Mr. Keith Dacus, Luling Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied	
Council Discussion Councilwoman Clulee motioned to amend the proposed ordinance, to change, 4th Whereas, "It is the desire of the parties to the Lease to cancel said Lease and convey the improvements located thereon to Hospital Service District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Charles." to read, "It is the desire of the parties to the Lease to cancel said Lease and convey the improvements located thereon to Hospital Service District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Charles for the appraised value of \$170,000.00." Section II., "That the Act of Conveyance for the improvements located at 145 Angus Drive, Luling, Louisiana by and between St. Charles Parish and Hospital Service District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana is hereby approved and accepted." to read, "That the Act of Conveyance for the improvements located at 145 Angus Drive, Luling, Louisiana by and between St. Charles Parish and Hospital Service District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana is hereby approved and accepted for the sum of \$170,000.00 value based on appraisal."	
A motion was made by Councilmember Clulee, seconded by Councilmember Fonseca to Amend File No. 2023-0327. The motion carried by the following vote: Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier Nay: 0 Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Dufrene	
Amended 2023-0327 An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Cancellation of Lease and an Act of Conveyance of a certain piece of property with Hospital Service District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana, for the improvements located thereon at 145 Angus Drive in Luling, Louisiana. Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Legal Services VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AS AMENDED Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier Nay: 0 Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Dufrene Enactment No: 23-12-8	
2023-0328 An ordinance to revoke and abandon Modoc Street, and portions of Jonathan Street, Pelican Street, Amie Street, and Jean Street, Destrehan Park and Gabriel Heights Subdivisions, as shown on the map by Michael P. Blanchard, PLS, signed and dated October 24, 2023. Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Planning & Zoning Reported: Planning Commission Recommended: Approval Legal Services Director Corey Oubre advises that in conjunction with the tabling of File No. 2023-0326, the Administration request that 2023-0328 be tabled at this time. A motion was made by Councilmember Clulee, seconded by Councilmember Fonseca, to Table File No. 2023-0328. The motion carried by the following vote: Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier Nay: 0 Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Dufrene	
Tabled.	
ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN TABLED	
2023-0321 A resolution in support of Councilman Bob Fisher for At Large Member on the Executive Board of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana. Sponsors: Ms. Fisher-Cormier and Ms. Clulee A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Cormier, seconded by Councilmember Darensbourg Gordon, to remove File No. 2023-0321 from the Table. The motion carried by the following vote: Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier Nay: 0 Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Dufrene	
Removed from the Table A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Cormier, seconded by Councilmember Darensbourg Gordon, to Postponed Indefinitely File No. 2023-0321. The motion carried by the following vote:	

Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier Nay: 0 Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Dufrene Postponed Indefinitely	
PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL	
2023-0342 Ms. Reanda Pierre: WAIVER A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Cormier, seconded by Councilmember Fonseca, to extend time an additional three minutes. The motion carried by the following vote: Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier Nay: 0 Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Dufrene Time Extended Councilwoman Fisher-Cormier spoke on the matter. Ms. Pierre spoke on the matter. Councilwoman Darensbourg Gordon spoke on the matter. Heard	
APPOINTMENTS	
2023-0336 Accept resignation of Ms. Michele deBruler - St. Charles Parish Planning & Zoning Commission District VII Representative Resignation Accepted by the following vote: Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier Nay: 0 Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Dufrene Resignation Accepted	
2023-0337 A resolution appointing a member to the St. Charles Parish Planning & Zoning Commission as the District VII Representative. Nominee: Councilwoman Fisher-Cormier nominated Mr. Richard J. Folse, Jr. Nomination(s) Accepted A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Cormier, seconded by Councilmember Clulee, to Close Nomination(s) for File No. 2023-0337. The motion carried by the following vote: Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier Nay: 0 Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Dufrene Nomination(s) Closed	
2023-0339 Accept resignation of Mr. Ernest Eusea - St. Charles Parish Board of Adjustment District IV Representative Resignation Accepted by the following vote: Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier Nay: 0 Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Dufrene Resignation Accepted	
2023-0340 A resolution appointing a member to the St. Charles Parish Board of Adjustment as the District IV Representative. Nominee: Councilwoman Fisher-Cormier at the request of Councilman Dufrene and Councilman-Elect Comardelle, nominated Mr. Clyde H. Maddox Nomination(s) Accepted A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher-Cormier, seconded by Councilmember Clulee, to Close Nomination(s) for File No. 2023-0340. The motion carried by the following vote: Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier Nay: 0 Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Dufrene Nomination(s) Closed	
SPECIAL MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL	
2023-0313 Adopt 2024 Parish Council Meeting Schedule Amendment: to amend the proposed St. Charles Parish Council Meeting Schedule as follows: change September 3rd and September 16th to September 9th and September 23rd A motion was made by Councilmember Clulee, seconded by Councilmember Fonseca, to Amend File No. 2023-0313. The motion carried by the following vote: Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier Nay: 0 Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Dufrene Amended VOTE TO ADOPT THE 2024 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE AS AMENDED Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier Nay: 0 Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Dufrene Adopted	
2023-0338 Executive Session: LMB Services, LLC vs. Parish of St. Charles Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Legal Services A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher, seconded by Councilmember Fonseca, to go into Executive Session. The motion carried by the following vote: Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier Nay: 0 Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Dufrene Chairman Billings announced that all Councilmembers present, Parish President Matthew Jewell, Legal Services Director Corey Oubre, and Legal Services Assistant Director Robert Raymond will be in Executive Session. Heard in Executive Session Chairman Billings explained that Executive Session was regarding File No. 2023-0338 LMB Services, LLC vs. Parish of St. Charles. A motion was made by Councilmember Clulee, seconded by Councilmember Fisher, to return to the regular order of the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote: Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier Nay: 0 Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Dufrene Returned	
ADJOURNMENT	
A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher, seconded by Councilmember Fonseca, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:51 pm. The motion carried by the following vote: Yea: 7 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier Nay: 0 Absent: 2 - Gibbs and Dufrene	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.	



Michelle Impastato
Council Secretary

Public Notice

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS ARE AN OFFICIAL EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF ST. CHARLES HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2023, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, LOUISIANA. THE COMPLETE TEXT OF THE ATTACHMENTS TO THESE DOCUMENTS IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AT THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE.

2023-0341
INTRODUCED BY: MATTHEW JEWELL, PARISH PRESIDENT
(DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION)

ORDINANCE NO. 23-12-9
An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 (Final) for the St. Charles Parish Memorial Plaza (Parish Project No. CMPK0418), to decrease the contract amount by \$2,158.05 and increase the contract time by 409 days.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 20-5-12 adopted on May 18, 2020, by the St. Charles Parish Council, approved and authorized the execution of a Engineering Services Contract with Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Inc. for the design and construction management of a Memorial Park to be located at 274 Judge Edward Dufresne Parkway, Luling, LA.; and,

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 21-8-4 adopted on August 9, 2021, by the St. Charles Parish Council, approved and authorized the execution of a Contract with LA Contracting Enterprises, LLC, for the St. Charles Parish Memorial Plaza Project (Parish Project No. CMPK0418) located at the Edward A. Dufresne Community Center, 274 Judge Edward Dufresne, Luling, LA, in the amount of \$1,399,825.00; and,

WHEREAS, It is necessary to issue a change order to add 409 days to the contract due to a delay in shipping which was Covid related; and,

WHEREAS, It is necessary to amend the contract resulting in an increase in the approved contract time from 120 calendar days to 529 days.

THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION I. That Change Order No. 1 (Final) for the St. Charles Parish Memorial Plaza (Parish Project No. CMPK0418), to decrease the contract amount by \$2,158.05 and increase the contract time by 409 days and is hereby approved and accepted.

SECTION II. That the Parish President is hereby authorized to execute said Change Order on behalf of St. Charles Parish.

The foregoing ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: BILLINGS, FONSECA, DARENSBOURG GORDON, CLULEE, GIBBS, DUFRENE, BELLOCK, FISHER, FISHER-CORMIER
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

And the ordinance was declared adopted this 18th day of December, 2023, to become effective five (5) days after this publication in the official journal.

CHAIRMAN: Billings
SECRETARY: Michelle Dupont
DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: December 19, 2023
APPROVED: DISAPPROVED:

PARISH PRESIDENT: Matt Jewell
RETD/SECRETARY: December 19, 2023
AT: 11:22 am RECD BY:

SECTION 00806

CHANGE ORDER

No. 1 (Final)

DATE OF ISSUANCE November 9, 2023 EFFECTIVE DATE 12/19/23

OWNER: St. Charles Parish
CONTRACTOR: LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC
Project: St. Charles Memorial Plaza
OWNER's Contract No. CMPK0418
ENGINEER Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Inc. ENGINEER's Contract No. NA

You are directed to make the following changes in the Contract Documents:
Description: See attached example on how to fill in this information

1. Add the Following Work Items:

- New Contract Item X-1: Color Additive for Concrete Pavement
Addition of 337.19 S.Y. (+ \$15,173.55). See attached cost estimate for details.
- New Contract Item X-2: Change to Monuments
Addition of 7 EA. (+ \$ 3,500.00). See attached cost estimate for details.
- New Contract Item X-3: Additional Mexican Beach Pebbles
Addition of (+ \$ 8,333.00) (L.S.). See attached cost estimate for details.
- New Contract Item X-4: Added Purple Heart Monument (Monument Only)
Addition of 1 EA. (+ \$ 12,500.00). See attached cost estimate for details.

Total of Added Work Items = (+ \$39,506.55)

2. Revise the Following Work Item Quantities:

- Contract Item 2: Excavation
The quantity is to be changed to 1,337.00 C.Y. (+ \$ 11,955.00)
- Contract Item 3: Embankment
The quantity is to be changed to 23 C.Y. (+ \$ 35,865.00)
- Contract Item 4: Sawcut Existing Pavement (Up to 6" Deep)
The quantity is to be changed to 106 C.Y. (+ \$ 340.00)
- Contract Item 5: Geotextile Fabric for Stabilization
The quantity is to be changed to 107 S.Y. (+ \$ 5,229.00)
- Contract Item 6: Portland Cement Concrete Pavement (6" Thick)
The quantity is to be changed to 337.13 S.Y. (+ \$ 1,158.30)
- Contract Item 7: Patterned Concrete Pavement (6" Thick)
The quantity is to be changed to 1,142.26 S.Y. (+ \$ 11,272.30)
- Contract Item 8: Brick Paver Inlay with Leveling Sand
The quantity is to be changed to 49 EA. (+ \$ 245.00)

Total of Change in Work Items Quantity = (- \$41,664.60)

Reason for Change Order: List a reason for each Line Item listed above. See attached example on how to fill in this information

1. Add Work Items

- St. Charles Parish directed the contractor to add color to the concrete pavement on the side of the Community Center to match the color of the paving in the back.
- St. Charles parish directed the contractor to add one (1) foot of height to the granite monuments.
- St. Charles Parish directed the contractor to add Mexican beach pebbles to the area around the Purple Heart Monument.
- St. Charles Parish directed the contractor to add the Purple Heart Monument.

2. Revise Work Item Quantities

- Prior to construction of the project, St. Charles Parish placed fill on the project site. Additional fill was added after the topographic survey was completed resulting in more excavation than anticipated.
- The fill placed on the site prior to construction was adequate for pavement base. Therefore, most of the embankment material was not needed.
- Less saw-cutting was required than anticipated.
- Since the fill on the site prior to construction was adequate for pavement base, most of the geotextile fabric was not needed.
- Less Portland Cement Concrete Pavement was required than anticipated.
- Less Patterned concrete pavement was required than anticipated.
- More bricks were required to fill the areas shown on the plans.

Attachments:

CHANGE IN CONTRACT PRICE:	CHANGE IN CONTRACT TIMES:
Original Contract Price \$1,399,825.00	Original Contract Times: Substantial Completion: January 24, 2022 Ready for final payment: NA (days or dates)
Net Increase (Decrease) from previous Change Orders No. NA to NA: \$0.00	Net change from previous Change Orders No. NA to No. NA: Substantial Completion: NA Ready for final payment: NA (days)
Contract Price prior to this Change Order: \$1,399,825.00	Contract Times prior to this Change Order: Substantial Completion: January 24, 2022 Ready for final payment: NA (days or dates)
Net increase (decrease) of this Change Order: -\$2,158.05	Net increase this Change Order: Substantial Completion: 409 Ready for final payment: NA (days)
Contract Price with all approved Change Orders: \$1,397,666.95	Contract Times with all approved Change Orders: Substantial Completion: March 9, 2023 Ready for final payment: October 23, 2023 (days or dates)

RECOMMENDED: APPROVED: ACCEPTED:
By: [Signature] By: [Signature] By: [Signature]
ENGINEER (Authorized Signature) OWNER (Authorized Signature) CONTRACTOR (Authorized Signature)
Date: 11/9/23 Date: 12-19-23 Date: 11/16/23

2023-0343

INTRODUCED BY: MATTHEW JEWELL, PARISH PRESIDENT
(DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

ORDINANCE NO. 23-12-10
An ordinance to approve and authorize the Parish President to execute an Act of Sale from Patricia Bourgeois wife of and James J. Poche for the purchase of property at 679 West Pine Street, Norco, Louisiana, for drainage improvements to the Engineer's Pump Station.

WHEREAS, St. Charles Parish desires to enhance drainage in the Norco area; and,
WHEREAS, the East Bank Master Drainage Plan has identified the need to upgrade the Pump Station at Engineer's Canal to improve drainage in the Norco Watershed; and,

WHEREAS, Volkert, Inc. in conjunction with the Department of Public Works' Engineers has developed a Conceptual Design for the improvements required at the Engineer's Canal Pump Station; and,

WHEREAS, the improvements will increase the capacity of the pump station from 185 CFS to 250 CFS by adding additional pumps and reconfiguring the existing station to allow water to be fed to the pumps from the east; and,

WHEREAS, as part of the improvements, a new larger Sump will need to be constructed east of the existing station to allow a larger volume of water to be collected for the new pump configuration; and,

WHEREAS, the existing channel of the Engineer's Canal will need to be realigned to provide flow to the new, larger Sump; and,

WHEREAS, the acquisition of the property at 679 West Pine Street will provide the space necessary for these improvements; and,

WHEREAS, an appraisal was completed on 679 West Pine Street on June 1, 2023, resulting in an appraised value of \$300,000.00. See attached appraisal; and,

WHEREAS, the owners of 679 West Pine Street have expressed a desire to sell their property to the Parish in the amount of \$300,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, the Parish President has executed a Purchase Agreement regarding the sale and purchase of 679 West Pine Street conditioned upon approval of the St. Charles Parish Council.

THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION I. The St. Charles Parish Council hereby approves the Agreement to Purchase and Sell Property attached herein, located at 679 West Pine Street, Norco, Louisiana in the amount of \$300,000.00.

SECTION II. That the Parish President is further hereby authorized to execute all documents deemed necessary to purchase 679 West Pine Street, Norco, Louisiana.

The foregoing ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: BILLINGS, FONSECA, DARENSBOURG GORDON, CLULEE, GIBBS, DUFRENE, BELLOCK, FISHER, FISHER-CORMIER
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

And the ordinance was declared adopted this 18th day of December, 2023, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

CHAIRMAN: Billings
SECRETARY: Michelle Dupont
DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: December 19, 2023
APPROVED: DISAPPROVED:

PARISH PRESIDENT: Matt Jewell
RETD/SECRETARY: December 19, 2023
AT: 11:22 am RECD BY:

AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE AND SELL PROPERTY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF ST. CHARLES

BE IT KNOWN, that on the dates executed below in the presence of the below signed Notary Publics, duly commissioned and qualified within and for the State of Louisiana, and in the presence of the undersigned competent witnesses, came:

Patricia Bourgeois (SS#-- --- 2500) wife of and James J. Poche a/k/a James J. Poche Sr., (--- 4450), persons of the full age of majority, and whose present mailing address is 148 West B Street, Norco, Louisiana 70079, herein represented by their duly appoint agent-in-fact, Renee P. Agurcia, by Durable Power of Attorney, attached hereto

hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Sellers" and

PARISH OF ST. CHARLES, acting herein by and through its duly authorized representative, Matthew Jewell, Parish President,

hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Purchasers,"

who declared that in consideration of the mutual obligations undertaken herein, and the mutual benefits to be received by the parties hereto, Sellers agree to sell and Purchaser agrees to purchase, on the terms and conditions and for the consideration hereinafter set forth, any and all of Sellers' interest (100% interest) in the property more commonly known as 679 West Pine, Norco, Louisiana, 70079.

The terms, conditions and consideration of said Act of Sale shall be as follows, to-wit:

1. The purchase price of Sellers interest in said property shall be the sum of Three Hundred Thousand and no/100 (\$300,000.00) Dollars, Cash.

2. Except as hereinafter set forth, the Act of Sale will be executed before Louis Authement, Notary Public, at Purchaser's expense on or before January 31, 2024, provided that in the event bona fide curative work is required to remedy any title defects, the date of passage of the Act of Sale shall be extended for a period of thirty (30) days, provided further that all other conditions hereinafter set forth have been met.

3. The Act of Sale, when executed, shall be upon the following terms and conditions, to-wit:

- The entire purchase price shall be paid by Purchasers to Sellers at the execution of the Act of Sale.
- Taxes for the calendar year in which the Act of Sale is completed, if any, shall be the responsibility of the Purchases.
- All closing costs, including any additional survey costs, if necessary, shall be paid by Purchaser.
- The sale is conditioned upon approval of all terms and conditions, including the sale price, by the St. Charles Parish Council in accordance with the governing rules of the Parish of St. Charles.
- Seller shall deliver occupancy and possession of the subject property to Purchaser at execution of the Act of Sale.
- Sellers shall convey the subject property with warranty as to title only, but with full substitution to all rights and actions of warranty Sellers have against prior owners and warrantors, and shall contain the following clause concerning warranty as to condition and fitness, to-wit:

g. The property in question will be sold and purchased subject to all title and zoning restrictions of record, and all rights of way, servitudes and/or easements, apparent or of record or imposed by law, affecting said property, and all prior mineral reservations and/or mineral leases, valid and in extant, affecting said property.
- All outstanding and uncanceled mortgages, improvements liens and/or tax assessments of any kind recorded against the subject property as of the date of the closing of Act of Sale, if any, are to be paid and/or cancelled by Sellers at Sellers' expense.

4. Provided that all of the conditions referred to above have been met, in the event Sellers fail to comply with this Agreement for any reason, within the time specified, Purchaser may demand specific performance at Purchaser's option without any formality beyond tender of the purchase price within the time specified.

5. Provided that all of the conditions referred to above have been met, in the event Purchaser fails to comply with this Agreement within the time specified, Sellers may demand specific performance at Sellers' option without any formality beyond tender of title to Purchaser within the time specified.

6. Either party hereto who fails to comply with the terms of this Purchase Agreement is obligated to pay reasonable attorney's fees and all court costs and expenses incurred by the other party in enforcing their respective rights hereunder.

7. This Contract can be changed only by an agreement in writing signed by all parties.

8. Each party acknowledges receipt of a signed copy of this Agreement.

9. This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto, their respective heirs, successors and/or assigns.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED By Purchaser on the 29 day of November, 2023, in the presence of the undersigned competent witnesses and the undersigned Notary Public.

WITNESSES:

Name: Robert L. Raymond

Name: DAWN H. HIGDON

Notary Public

PURCHASER:

PARISH OF ST. CHARLES

BY: MATTHEW JEWELL

PARISH PRESIDENT

THUS DONE AND SIGNED by Sellers on the 20th day of November, 2023, in the presence of the undersigned competent witnesses and the undersigned Notary Public.

WITNESSES:

Name: TRACY PAN ET

Name: BRYANT HAMMETT

Notary Public

SELLER:

PATRICIA B. POCHÉ

BY: RENEE P. AGURCIA

ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

SELLER:

JAMES J. POCHÉ

BY: RENEE P. AGURCIA

ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

2023-0344

INTRODUCED BY: MATTHEW JEWELL, PARISH PRESIDENT
(DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

ORDINANCE NO. 23-12-11

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Contract with Omega Foundation Services, Inc., for Primrose Canal Cleaning and Improvements - Phase 1A (Project No. P210202) in the amount of \$2,757,000.00.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 21-3-2 adopted on March 15, 2021, by the St. Charles Parish Council, approved and authorized the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Bryant Hammett & Associates, LLC for providing all necessary surveying services for the Primrose Canal Cleaning and Improvements Project (P210202), in the lump sum amount of \$39,810.00; and,

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 22-3-11 adopted on March 21, 2022, by the St. Charles Parish Council, approved and authorized the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with C. H. Fenstermaker & Associates, LLC, to perform engineering services for Primrose Canal Cleaning and Improvements (Project No. P210202), in the amount not to exceed \$637,824.00; and,

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 23-11-4 adopted on November 6, 2023, by the St. Charles Parish Council, approved and authorized the execution of Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 21-3-2, with Bryant Hammett & Associates, LLC to increase the overall surveying contract by \$27,860.00, bringing the overall contract value to \$67,670.00; and,

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received by St. Charles Parish on August 15, 2023, for Primrose Canal Cleaning and Improvements - Phase 1A (Project No. P210202); and,

WHEREAS, C. H. Fenstermaker & Associates, LLC has reviewed the bids and recommends that the Contract be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Omega Foundation Services, Inc., in the amount of \$2,757,000.00.

THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION I. That the bid of Omega Foundation Services, Inc., for the construction of Primrose Canal Cleaning and Improvements Phase - 1A (Project No. P210202) is hereby approved and accepted in the amount of \$2,757,000.00.

SECTION II. That the Parish President is hereby authorized to execute said Contract on behalf of St. Charles Parish.

SECTION III. A final Notice of Contract shall be printed and filed in place of the contract documents with the St. Charles Parish Clerk of Court and in the records of the St. Charles Parish Council.

The foregoing ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: BILLINGS, FONSECA, DARENSBOURG GORDON, CLULEE, GIBBS, DUFRENE, BELLOCK, FISHER, FISHER-CORMIER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

And the ordinance was declared adopted this 18th day of December, 2023, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

CHAIRMAN: Bob Bellamy

SECRETARY: Michelle Dupont

DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: December 19, 2023

APPROVED: ☒ DISAPPROVED: ☐

PARISH PRESIDENT: Matthew Jewell

RETD/SECRETARY: December 19, 2023

AT: 11:22 am RECD BY:

SECTION 00500

CONTRACT

This agreement entered into this _____ day of _____, 20____, by Omega Foundation Services, Inc., hereinafter called the "Contractor", whose business address is P.O. Box 96 Ethel, LA 70730, and the St. Charles Parish, hereinafter called the "Owner".

Owner and Contractor, in consideration of premises and the mutual covenants; consideration and agreement herein contained, agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1

STATEMENT OF WORK

1.01 Contractor shall furnish all labor and materials and perform the work required to build, construct and complete in a thorough and workmanlike manner in connection with the following:

Project Name: Primrose Canal Cleaning and Improvements – Phase 1A
Project Number: P210202

1.02 The abovementioned work shall be completed in strict accordance with Contract Documents prepared by: C.H.Fenstermaker & Associates, L.L.C.

1.03 It is recognized by the parties herein that said Contract Documents including by way of example and not of limitation, the Drawings and Specifications dated June 1, 2023, Addenda number(s) 1, the Instruction to Bidders, Supplemental Instructions to Bidders, Louisiana Uniform Public Works Bid Form, General Conditions, Supplementary Conditions (if applicable), any Addenda thereto, impose duties and obligations upon the parties herein, and said parties thereby agree that they shall be bound by said duties and obligations. For these purposes, all of the provisions contained in the aforementioned Contract Documents are incorporated herein by reference with the same force and effect as though said Contract Documents were herein set out in full.

1.04 The Work is generally described as follows: Stabilization of existing drainage canal banks by the installation of steel sheet piles along the top banks, clearing and grubbing trees and vegetation along the top bank, grading the top bank with appropriate fill to ensure positively water flow over the steel sheet piles into the drainage canal, and removing existing structures and obstructions within the construction limits.

ARTICLE 2

ENGINEER

2.01 The Project has been designed by C.H. Fenstermaker & Associates, L.L.C., who is hereinafter called "Engineer" and who will assume all duties and responsibilities and have the rights and authority assigned to Engineer in the Contract Documents in connection with completion of the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

ARTICLE 3

CONTRACT TIME

3.01 The Contractor shall complete the Work under the Contract within 60 working days from the date stated in the Notice to Proceed.

ARTICLE 4

LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

4.01 Owner and Contractor recognize that the Owner will suffer direct financial loss if Work is not completed within the Contract Time specified plus any extensions thereof allowed in accordance with these General Conditions of this Contract, and therefore, time is of the essence. They also recognize the delays, expense and difficulties involved in proving in a legal proceeding the actual loss suffered by Owner if the Work is not completed on time. Accordingly, instead of requiring any such proof, Contractor and Surety agree to forfeit and pay Owner One Thousand dollars \$1,000.00 per day as Liquidated Damages for delay (but not as a penalty). Such Liquidated Damages will be assessed for each calendar day that expires after the Contract Time. This amount represents a reasonable estimate of Owner's expenses for extended delays and the costs associated therein. This provision shall be effective between the parties ipso facto and without demand or putting in default, it being specifically agreed that the Contractor by his mere failure to complete the work on or before the date specified shall be deemed in default.

ARTICLE 5

CONTRACT PRICE

5.01 The Owner will pay and the Contractor will accept in full consideration for the performance of the Contract the sum of:

(\$2,757,000.00) Two Million Seven Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand Dollars based on unit prices specified within this contract document. Contract price is firm and subject only to modification by written Change Order agreed to and signed by both parties and the Engineer and approved by the St. Charles Parish Council.

ARTICLE 6

PAYMENT PROCEDURES

6.01 Contractor shall submit Applications for Payment to the Engineer in accordance with Article 15 of the General Conditions. Applications for Payment will be processed by Engineer as provided in the General Conditions.

6.02 Progress Payments. Progress payments will be based upon estimated quantities of contract unit price items or upon estimated percentages of completion of the schedule of lump sum values of labor and materials incorporated into the Work or suitably stored, on the last day of each month or other mutually agreed regular monthly date ending the progress payment period, less retainage.

6.03 Application for Payment Form. The form of the Application for Payment must be suitable to the Owner. The Owner reserves the right to withhold payment until the form of Application for Payment is deemed acceptable by the Owner.

6.04 Retainage. Per Paragraph 15.01.D retainage shall be withheld and payments will be made by the Owner in the payment amount of:

a) Ninety percent (90%) of the approved payment applications for projects with contract of less than \$500,000.00; or

b) Ninety-five percent (95%) of the approved payment applications for projects with contract prices of \$500,000.01 or greater.

6.05 The normal retainage shall not be due the Contractor until after Substantial Completion and expiration of the forty-five (45) day lien period and submission to the Engineer of a clear lien certificate and invoice for retainage.

6.06 Final Payment. Upon the final completion of all Work, the Contractor may request a final inspection and may make a final Application for Payment as provided by Paragraph 15.06 of the General Conditions.

6.07 Final Acceptance. When Final Acceptance is granted by the Owner, the Owner shall file the certificate with the Recorder of Mortgages for St. Charles Parish.

6.08 At the expiration of the lien period the Contractor shall obtain a certificate from the Recorder of Mortgages of the Parish of St. Charles that the Contract is clear of any liens or privileges, and said certificate shall be presented to the Owner for final payment and release of retainage, less any such sums as may be lawfully withheld under the Contract.

6.09 Claims. Pursuant to La. R.S. 38:2242, when the Owner receives any claim of nonpayment arising out of the Contract, the Owner shall deduct such claim from the Contract Sum. The Contractor, or any interested party, may deposit security, in accordance with La. R.S. 38:2242.2, guaranteeing payment of the claim with the Recorder of Mortgages for St. Charles Parish. When the Owner receives original proof of such guarantee from the Recorder of Mortgages, the claim deduction will be added back to the Contract Sum.

ARTICLE 7

CONTRACTOR'S REPRESENTATIONS

7.01 In order to induce Owner to enter into this Agreement, Contractor makes the following representations:

7.02 Contractor has familiarized itself with the nature and extent of the Contract Documents, Work, site, locality, and all local conditions and laws and regulations that in any manner may affect cost, progress, performance or finishing of the Work.

7.03 Contractor has studied carefully all reports of explorations and tests of subsurface physical conditions and drawings of physical conditions which are identified in the Information Available To Bidders and as provided in the General Conditions.

7.04 Contractor has obtained and carefully studied (or assumed responsibility for obtaining and carefully studying) all such examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, reports and studies (in addition to or to supplement those referred to in Paragraph 2 above) which pertain to the subsurface or physical conditions at or contiguous to the site or which otherwise may affect the cost, progress, performance or furnishing of the Work as Contractor considers necessary for the performance or furnishing of the Work at the Contract Price, within the Contract Time and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Contract Documents. In exercising its responsibility with respect to subsurface conditions and physical conditions at the site, Contractor has or will obtain or perform at no additional cost to the Owner such additional examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, reports, studies, or similar information or data as may be required by Contractor for such purposes.

ARTICLE 8

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

8.01 The following Contract Documents, which comprise the entire Agreement between Owner and Contractor, are all hereby made a part of that Agreement to the same extent as if incorporated herein in full:

a) Contract (Section 00500)

b) Performance Bond (Section 00611)

c) Payment Bond (Section 00610)

d) Insurance Certificates

e) Advertisement for Bids (Section 00010)

f) Louisiana Uniform Public Works Bid Form (Section 00300)

g) Addenda (Number 1 inclusive)

h) Contract documents bearing the general title "Project No. P210202 – Primrose Canal Cleaning and Improvements – Phase 1A" dated June 1, 2023.

i) Drawings, consisting of a cover sheet dated June 1, 2023 and the sheets listed on Drawing Title Sheet Phase 1A; each sheet bearing the following general title:

PRIMROSE CANAL CLEANING AND IMPROVEMENTS

j) General Conditions (Section 00700)

k) Supplementary Conditions (if applicable for compliance purposes) (Section 0800)

There are no Contract Documents other than those listed above in this Article 8. The Contract may only be amended, modified or supplemented as provided for in the General Conditions.

ARTICLE 9

MISCELLANEOUS

9.01 No assignment by a party hereto of any rights under or interests in the Contract Documents will be binding on another party hereto without the written consent of the party sought to be bound; and specifically but without limitation, moneys that may become due and moneys that are due may not be assigned without such consent (except to the extent that the effect of this restriction may be limited by law), and, unless specifically stated to the contrary in any written consent to an assignment, no assignment will release or discharge the assignor from any duty or responsibility under the Contract Documents. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Owner may assign this contract to the State of Louisiana or any political subdivision, municipality, special district or authority

thereof without Contractor's consent and without recourse.

9.02 Owner and Contractor each binds himself, his partners, successors, assigns and legal representatives to the other party hereto, his partners, successors, assigns and legal representatives in respect to all covenants, agreements and obligations contained in the Contract Documents.

9.03 It is hereby agreed and understood by the parties hereto that any and all disputes that may result in litigation shall be litigated in the 29th Judicial District Court for the Parish of St. Charles.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Owner and Contractor have signed this Agreement effective as of the date first written above. All portions of the Contract Documents have been signed or identified by Owner and Contractor or by Engineer on their behalf.

OWNER: Parish of St. Charles

By: _____

Title: _____

ATTEST:

By: _____

Title: _____

CONTRACTOR:

By: [Signature]

Title: President

ATTEST:

By: [Signature]

Title: Estimator

2023-0345

INTRODUCED BY: MATTHEW JEWELL, PARISH PRESIDENT
(DEPARTMENT OF WATERWORKS)

ORDINANCE NO. 23-12-12

An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 22, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, Article IV. General Sewer Use Regulations, Section 22-80. (1)(a) User charges and connection charges; and Chapter 23, Water, Article I. In General, Section 23-3. Water user charges. (e), to limit each annual adjustment so as to not be below 0.00% and not to exceed 2.5% effective January 1, 2024.

THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION I. That the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 22, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, Article IV. General Sewer Use Regulations, Section 22-80. (1)(a) User charges and connection charges be amended to read as follows, with new text underlined and deleted text in ~~strike through~~ as follows:

Sec. 22-80. User charges and connection charges.

(1) Determination of charges: The rates and charges for the use of the sewerage collection, treatment and disposal services of the parish, for each and every residence, commercial or industrial establishment now or hereafter connected to the parish treatment facilities, shall be in accordance with the following:

(a) Volume rate charge: To cover the cost of operation and maintenance and where necessary, capital improvements to the wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal system, a volume rate user charge is hereby established at \$7.86 (80 percent of \$7.86 equals \$6.29) per 1,000 gallons of water use on January 1, 2016; \$7.81 (80 percent of \$7.81 equals \$6.25) per 1,000 gallons of water use on January 1, 2017; \$7.71 (80 percent of \$7.71 equals \$6.17) per 1,000 gallons of water use on January 1, 2018.

The user charges established herein shall be adjusted on January 1 of each year in an amount equal to the Consumer Price Index, applicable to all urban consumers, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Said adjustments shall be equal to the net percentage change in the CPI for the preceding 12-month period ending September 30. Said annual adjustments shall begin effective January 1, 2019. Effective January 1, 2024, each annual adjustment will not be below 0.00% and not to exceed 2.5%.

The user charges stated above were established based on the formula $C_u = C_v/V_t$ where:
 C_u = Annual user charge rate.
 C_v = Total annual O, M, and R costs.
 V_t = Total annual volume.

SECTION II. That the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 23, Water, Article I. In General, Section 23-3. Water user charges (e) be amended to read as follows, with text underlined and deleted text in ~~strike through~~ as follows:

(e) Effective January 1, 2019, the water user charges established herein shall be adjusted on January 1 of each year in amount equal to the Consumer Price Index, applicable to all urban consumers, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Said adjustment shall be equal to the net percentage change in the CPI for the preceding twelve-month period ending September 30. Effective January 1, 2024, each annual adjustment will not be below 0.00% and not to exceed 2.5%.

The foregoing ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: BILLINGS, FONSECA, DARENSBOURG GORDON, CLULEE, GIBBS, DUFRENE, BELLOCK, FISHER, FISHER-CORMIER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

And the ordinance was declared adopted on the 18th day of December, 2023, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

CHAIRMAN: [Signature]

SECRETARY: [Signature]

DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: December 19, 2023

APPROVED: _____ DISAPPROVED: _____

PARISH PRESIDENT: [Signature]

RETD/SECRETARY: December 19, 2023

AT: 11:22 am RECD BY: [Signature]

2023-0359

INTRODUCED BY: MATTHEW JEWELL, PARISH PRESIDENT
(GRANTS OFFICE)

RESOLUTION NO. 6736

A resolution supporting the application for funding of the Water Meter Replacement Project – Phase V through the Louisiana Office of Community Development's FY 2023-2024 Community Water Enrichment Fund.

WHEREAS, Louisiana Legislature House Bill 2 (Act No. 465) allocated \$140,000.00 per parish for the Community Water Enrichment Fund for fiscal year 2023-2024; and,

WHEREAS, residential water meter registers throughout the Parish are aging and in need of replacement, which is an activity that is eligible for assistance under the program; and,

WHEREAS, the Parish President and the Department of Waterworks requests the Parish Council's support for the application to have this recommended improvement partially funded through the Louisiana Office of Community Development's FY 2023-2024 Community Water Enrichment Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL, do hereby approve and support the application for funding of the Water Meter Replacement Project – Phase V through the Louisiana Office of Community Development's FY 2023-2024 Community Water Enrichment Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parish President is hereby authorized to execute said application and to act on behalf of St. Charles Parish in all matters pertaining to this project and subsequent grant award.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: BILLINGS, FONSECA, DARENSBOURG GORDON, CLULEE, GIBBS, DUFRENE, BELLOCK, FISHER, FISHER-CORMIER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

And the resolution was declared adopted this 18th day of December, 2023, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

CHAIRMAN: [Signature]

SECRETARY: [Signature]

DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: December 19, 2023

APPROVED: _____ DISAPPROVED: _____

PARISH PRESIDENT: [Signature]

RETD/SECRETARY: December 19, 2023

AT: 11:22 am RECD BY: [Signature]

2023-0360

INTRODUCED BY: MATTHEW JEWELL, PARISH PRESIDENT
(GRANTS OFFICE)

RESOLUTION NO. 6737

A resolution to approve and authorize the submission of the Recovery Proposal and subsequent project applications to the State of Louisiana Division of Administration Office of Community Development on behalf of St. Charles Parish regarding the allocation of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program funding as a result of Year 2021 Ida & May Storms.

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 6700, adopted on June 5, 2023, by the St. Charles Parish Council, approving and authorizing the execution of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the State of Louisiana Division of Administration Office of Community Development and St. Charles Parish for the allocation of \$3,897,180.00 in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program funding; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana issued a letter on November 22, 2023, allocating an additional \$7,169,396.98 in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program funding to St. Charles Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the scope of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement requires St. Charles Parish to prepare and submit a Recovery Proposal to justify the recovery needs to be met through the program prior to preparing a project application for funding; and,

WHEREAS, after a public hearing conducted on September 20, 2023, and a public survey and comment period from August 28, 2023 to September 27, 2023, along with numerous meetings with Parish agencies which function to provide public services to persons of low/moderate income, the Parish developed its "St. Charles Parish Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program Recovery Proposal" for formal submission to the State of Louisiana Office of Community Development; and,

WHEREAS, the Recovery Proposal includes the following priority and alternate projects: Priority 1 - New Sarpy Pump Station Improvements: Phase 1-2, Priority 2 - New Sarpy Culvert Crossings: Phases 2-6, 7, 9, and Alternate 1 - Boutte Neighborhood Community Center at Linear Park; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana requires the Parish Council to approve and authorize the submission of the Recovery Proposal and subsequent project applications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL, do hereby approve and authorize the submission of the priority and alternative projects in the Recovery Proposal to the State of Louisiana Division of Administration Office of Community Development.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: BILLINGS, FONSECA, DARENSBOURG GORDON, CLULEE, GIBBS, DUFRENE, BELLOCK, FISHER, FISHER-CORMIER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

And the resolution was declared adopted this 18th day of December, 2023, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

CHAIRMAN: [Signature]

SECRETARY: [Signature]

DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: December 18, 2023

APPROVED: _____ DISAPPROVED: _____

PARISH PRESIDENT: [Signature]

RETD/SECRETARY: December 18, 2023

AT: 1:32 pm RECD BY: [Signature]



HURRICANES LAURA/DELTA/IDA & MAY 2021 SEVERE STORMS
RESILIENT COMMUNITIES INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM
RECOVERY PROPOSAL

GENERAL INFORMATION.

1. Applicant

Name: St. Charles Parish

Chief Elected Official: Matthew Jewell, St. Charles Parish President

Address: P.O. Box 302, Hahnville, LA 70057 (mailing) and 15045 River Road, Hahnville, LA 70057 (physical)

Telephone: (985)783-5000 Email: mji@stcharlesgov.net

Federal ID Number: 72-6001208 Sam.gov/Unique Entity ID: CE2LL5ZWWTG6

2. Contact Person

Name: Carla Chiasson

Address: 15045 River Road, Hahnville, LA 70057

Telephone: (985)783-5000 Email: cchiasson@stcharlesgov.net

OVERVIEW OF RESILIENT COMMUNITIES INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM PROJECTS

NAME OF PROJECT	ESTIMATED PROJECT COST
Priority Projects:	
New Sarpy Pump Station Improvements: Phase 1-2	\$7,622,798.00
New Sarpy Culvert Crossings: Phases 2-6, 7, 9	\$4,444,462.00
Subtotal:	\$12,067,260.00
Alternate Projects:	
Boutte Neighborhood Community Center at Linear Park	\$6,471,958.33
Subtotal:	\$6,471,958.33
Total All Projects:	\$18,539,218.33

RESILIENT COMMUNITIES INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM PRIORITY PROJECTS

A. Project Name and Address:

New Sarpy Pump Station Improvements
1075 E. Harding Street, New Sarpy, Louisiana, 70047 (29.984295, -90.380454)

B. Description of the Proposed Project:

The New Sarpy area in St. Charles Parish has repeatedly suffered flooding, which has inundated low-lying areas and has multiple pipeline crossings that limit the depth of the channels in the area. Flooding also causes deterioration in the area and high intensity storms such as Hurricane Ida have resulted in flooding problems that exceed the design capacity of the drainage system by overwhelming open roadside ditches, culverts, catch basins, and subsurface pipes carrying the stormwater runoff into the drainage system. Flood prone areas were identified to be along Schexnaydre Lane and the subdivision on the north side of Vans Lane. These issues are primarily due to undersized pumps and restrictive culvert crossings along the CN Railroad.

The existing New Sarpy Pump Station is constructed of a braced steel sheet pile wet well capped by a concrete equipment slab with overhead steel canopy. Topographic surveying indicates that the invert of the wet well is concrete. Topographic surveying also indicates that the invert of the intake channel between the mechanical bar screens and the wet well is concrete. The pump station consists of three (3) 36-inch diameter Lo-Lift Pumps with a total nominal capacity of 150 cfs. Two (2) of the pumps are driven by 150 horsepower (hp) electric motors. The third pump is driven by a 225 hp diesel engine. Three Duperon mechanical bar screens collect and remove debris at the head of the pump station intake channel. Pumps are operated by level sensors and a SCADA system that allows remote monitoring and operation. There is a 500-gallon storage fuel storage tank on the equipment slab adjacent to the diesel engine. This fuel tank supplies the diesel engine. There is a 500 kW generator located on the north side of the pump station. This generator provides emergency backup power to the electric pump motors, mechanical bar screens and SCADA system.

The New Sarpy Pump Station watershed has experienced repetitive flooding due to stormwater runoff during significant and severe storm events, such as Hurricane Ida. Based on the **St. Charles Parish 2020 Master Drainage Plan (MDP)**, the pump station is not sufficient to remove the stormwater from the drainage system, as a result of a 25-year storm event. The recommendation from the MDP is to upgrade the pump station from 150 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 250 cfs, adding 100 cfs of capacity to the existing pump station.

The proposed improvements consist of the construction of a tandem pump station adjacent to and on the southerly side of the existing pump station. This tandem pump station includes two new 36-inch pumps (one electric motor driven and one diesel engine driven) each with a capacity of 50 cfs. A new separate intake channel with two new mechanical bar screens are included. A new 500 gallon fuel storage tank is included to provide fuel to the new diesel engine, and a new additional 200 kW generator is included to provide emergency power backup to the new electric pump motor, mechanical bar screens and SCADA system. By constructing a separate tandem pump station, it is anticipated that the existing pump station can remain operational during construction.

New Sarpy Pump Station Improvements Cost Estimate	
Construction	\$ 6,629,750.00
Preliminary Investigation	\$ 75,000.00
Engineering Basic Fees	\$ 451,048.00
Permits	\$ 35,000.00
Resident Inspection	\$ 432,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,622,798.00

C. Estimated Total Project Cost, Source, Status, and Use of Funds:

PROJECT FUNDS	AMOUNT	SOURCE AND STATUS	USE
CDBG	\$7,622,798.00	CDBG-DR (Subrecipient Allocation – RCIIP)	
Local Funds			
Private Funds			
Other State Funds			
Federal Funds			
Other Funds			
TOTAL	\$7,622,798.00		

D. Project Context:

St. Charles Parish commissioned a study of the New Sarpy Drainage Area for the East Bank Master Drainage Plan which included analysis for 25-Year and 100-Year Design Storms. The analysis used models built in EPA SWMM and AutoDesk's Storm and Sanitary Analysis. Existing flood-prone areas were identified in areas along Schexnaydre Lane, upstream of the Schexnaydre Pump Station, areas along Vans Lane, and others. The results of the existing conditions simulation illustrate the inadequacy of the drainage system for the design events.

The recommended improvements were grouped into three phases of multiple projects in sensible order of construction and downstream to upstream. The phases and projects are identified in the below table:

Phase	# of Projects	Project Description
Phase 1	6	1-1: Schexnaydre Pump Station Upgrade
		1-2: New Sarpy Pump Station Upgrade
		1-3: 10-Acre Detention Pond & Canal #1 Addition
		1-4: Subsurface Pipe from New Sarpy East Canal to Schexnaydre Pump Station
Phase 2	10	1-5: Troxclair Canal Downstream of CN RR
		1-6: East Terrace Street Crossing Cotton Canal
		2-1: 1-60" Steel Pipe under CN RR at Schexnaydre Canal
		2-2: 1-60" Steel Pipe under CN RR West of Schexnaydre Canal
		2-3: Reshape and Clean the North and South side ditches along CN RR
		2-4: 2-60" Steel Pipe under CN RR at New Sarpy Mid Canal
		2-5: New Sarpy Mid Canal Culvert
		2-6: 1-48" Steel Pipe under CN RR at Vans Lane
		2-7: 2-60" Steel Pipe under CN RR at Troxclair Canal
		2-8: 2-60" Pipe under CN RR at Cotton Canal
Phase 3	5	2-9: 2-60" along Vans Canal Upstream of CN RR
		2-10: 2-60" Steel Pipe under CN RR East of West Easy St.
		3-1: Schexnaydre Lane Subsurface Upsizing
		3-2: Schexnaydre Ditch culverts
		3-3: Regrading the ditch along Schexnaydre Lane
		3-4: Reshape and Clean Vans Canal Upstream of CN RR
		3-5: Reshape and Clean Troxclair Canal Upstream of CN RR

The improvements to the New Sarpy Pump Station are within Phase 1 of the New Sarpy Drainage Area for the East Bank Master Drainage Plan and are necessary to improve the drainage system and stormwater management and support long-term resiliency. Although the improvements to the pump station do not necessarily rely on other projects, it is a critical component for future projects within the comprehensive drainage system which will be tied into the pump station and play a significant role in reducing future flooding impacts within St. Charles Parish.

E. Beneficiaries/Public Benefit/Target Area and Boundaries:

The beneficiaries of this project are the citizens that live within the New Sarpy Pump Station Watershed community primarily within Block Groups 1 and 2 of Census Tract 624. The LMI population of Block Group 1 of Census Tract 624 is 63.77% and the LMI population of Block Group 2 of Census Tract 624 is 47.58%. Therefore, the project meets the CDBG-DR national objective of "Benefit to LMI Persons" and the Area Benefit Test with an aggregate LMI population of 51.35%.

Additionally, this benefit area falls within a DOT-designated Disadvantaged Community area.

TRACT	TRACT ID	TRACT NAME	TRACT TYPE	TRACT STATUS	TRACT AREA (SQ. MI.)	TRACT POPULATION	TRACT LMI POPULATION (%)	TRACT LMI POPULATION (COUNT)	TRACT LMI POPULATION (PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL TRACT POPULATION)			
03170	2-218-137015A03	Block Group 1, Census Tract 624, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana	SA	St. Charles Parish	37	89	63.09%	2	380	330	345	63.77%
03174	2-218-137015A03	Block Group 2, Census Tract 624, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana	SA	St. Charles Parish	37	89	47.58%	2	345	545	820	47.58%



F. Recovery Rationale:

The New Sarpy Pump Station project addresses the negative impacts of excessive rainfall, flooding, storm surge and hurricane damage. The project fosters recovery and growth by hardening the community protective infrastructure. With an improved and resilient drainage pumping system, citizens will be more likely to stay in the area and new citizens will be attracted to come to the area.

There was a mandatory evacuation in place for Hurricane Ida. When residents and businesses within the New Sarpy community returned, they felt the lasting impacts in the aftermath of Hurricane Ida including heavy wind damage, tree failures, main line gas leaks, downed power lines and poles, breaks to main water lines, and flooding. Overall, the new station will better address impacts that were encountered from Hurricane Ida and will reduce risks of negative impacts from future events.

G. Description of Acquisition(s) Involved (if any):

None.

H. Mitigation Plan:

The improvements to the New Sarpy Pump Station will increase the resiliency and capacity of the drainage system within the New Sarpy area for future flood risks and sever storm impacts. By electing to construct a tandem pump station rather than the complete demolition and reconstruction of the existing pump station, the area will not only benefit from the increased capacity needed to minimize damage from future storm events, but it will also allow for the existing pump station to remain operational in the event a storm event occurs during the construction period. Additionally, the new tandem pump station will be equipped with a new 500 gallon fuel storage tank which doubles the fuel capacity, as well as, a new additional 200 kW generator to provide emergency power backup.

I. FEMA Public Assistance Eligibility:

No.

A. Project Name and Address:

New Sarpy Culvert Crossings
Troxclair Canal Culvert (29.980964°, -90.3854°)
Vans Lane Steel Culvert (29.976325°, -90.383064°)
Vans Lane RCP Culvert (29.976328°, -90.383381°)

B. Description of the Proposed Project:

The New Sarpy area in St. Charles Parish has repeatedly suffered flooding, which has inundated low-lying areas and has multiple pipeline crossings that limit the depth of the channels in the area. Flooding also causes deterioration in the area and high intensity storms such as Hurricane Ida and the May 2021 Severe Storms have resulted in flooding problems that exceed the design capacity of the drainage system by overwhelming open roadside ditches, culverts, catch basins, and subsurface pipes carrying the stormwater runoff into the drainage system. Flood prone areas were identified to be along Schexnaydre Lane and the subdivision on the north side of Vans Lane. These issues are primarily due to undersized pumps and restrictive culvert crossings along the CN Railroad.

The proposed project will consist of increasing the capacity of three critical culvert crossing by replacing and/or adding additional pipes as indicated below:

Troxclair Canal Culvert

This project includes construction of two (2) 60" steel culvert crossings below the CN Railroad adjacent to the existing 36" CMP culvert at the Troxclair Canal.

Vans Lane Steel Culvert

This project includes construction of one (1) 48" x 70-ft steel culvert crossing below the CN Railroad at Vans Lane.

Vans Lane RCP Culvert

This project includes construction of two (2) 60" RCP culverts below Vans Lane to replace the existing 24" RCP culvert at the Vans Lane Canal upstream of the CN railroad.

These improvements will increase the capacity of the culverts and reduce levels of water in major canals in the New Sarpy area, as well as help decrease the flood risks on streets and in structures during storm events.

C. Estimated Total Project Cost, Source, Status, and Use of Funds:

PROJECT FUNDS	AMOUNT	SOURCE AND STATUS	USE
CDBG-DR	\$3,158,878.98	CDBG-DR (Subrecipient Allocation – RCIIP)	
Local Funds	\$1,285,583.02		
Private Funds			
Other State Funds			
Federal Funds			
Other Funds			
TOTAL	\$4,444,462.00		

D. Project Context:

St. Charles Parish commissioned a study of the New Sarpy Drainage Area for the East Bank Master Drainage Plan which included analysis for 25-Year and 100-Year Design Storms. The analysis used models built in EPA SWMM and AutoDesk's Storm and Sanitary Analysis. Existing flood-prone areas were identified in areas along Schexnaydre Lane, upstream of the Schexnaydre Pump Station, areas along Vans Lane, and others. The results of the existing conditions simulation illustrate the inadequacy of the drainage system for the design events.

The recommended improvements were grouped into three phases of multiple projects in sensible order of construction and downstream to upstream. The phases and projects are identified in the below table:

Phase	# of Projects	Project Description
Phase 1	6	1-1: Schexnaydre Pump Station Upgrade
		1-2: New Sarpy Pump Station Upgrade
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		2-4: 2-60" Steel Pipe under CN RR at New Sarpy Mid Canal
		2-5: New Sarpy Mid Canal Culvert
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		3-1: Schexnaydre Lane Subsurface Upsizing
		3-2: Schexnaydre Ditch culverts
		3-3: Regrading the ditch along Schexnaydre Lane
		3-4: Reshape and Clean Vans Canal Upstream of CN RR
		3-5: Reshape and Clean Troxclair Canal Upstream of CN RR

The improvements to the New Sarpy Troxclair Canal and Vans Lane Culvert Crossings are within Phase 2 of the New Sarpy Drainage Area for the East Bank Master Drainage Plan and are necessary to improve the drainage system and stormwater management. Although the improvements to the culvert crossings do not necessarily rely on other projects, it is a critical component for future projects within the comprehensive drainage system and play a significant role in reducing flooding impacts within St. Charles Parish.

E. Beneficiaries/Public Benefit/Target Area:

The beneficiaries of this project are the citizens that live within the New Sarpy community primarily within Block Groups 1 and 2 of Census Tract 624. The LMI population of Block Group 1 of Census Tract 624 is 63.77% and the LMI population of Block Group 2 of Census Tract 624 is 47.58%. Therefore, the project meets the CDBG-DR national objective of "Benefit to LMI Persons" and the Area Benefit Test with an aggregate LMI population of 51.35%. Additionally, this benefit area falls within a DOT-designated Disadvantaged Community area.

Flood prone areas primarily identified as beneficiary areas for this project is along Schexnaydre Lane and the subdivision on the north side of Vans Lane.

TRACT	SEED	Source	TractName	County	Tract	31Segs	Low	Unempl	Med	Unempl	Unempl			
			Block Group 1, Census Tract 624, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana	SA	St. Charles Parish	37	89	62400	1	340	220	320	345	63.77%
03174	2-218-137015A03	Block Group 2, Census Tract 624, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana	SA	St. Charles Parish	37	89	62400	2	345	545	180	1135	47.58%	



F. Recovery Rationale:

The New Sarpy Culvert Crossings project addresses the negative impacts of excessive rainfall, flooding, storm surge and hurricane damage. The project fosters recovery by providing resilient and hardened flood reduction infrastructure within the community. With an improved and more resilient drainage system, citizens will be more likely to stay in the area and new citizens will be attracted to come to the area.

There was a mandatory evacuation in place during Hurricane Ida. After returning, residents and businesses within the New Sarpy community felt the lasting impacts in the aftermath of Hurricane Ida including heavy wind damage, tree failures, main line gas leaks, downed power lines and poles, breaks to main water lines, and flooding. These improvements will increase the capacity of the culverts and reduce levels of water in major canals in the New Sarpy area, as well as allow for a more efficient flow of stormwater to the pump stations which will help decrease the flood risks on streets and in structures during storm events.

G. Description of Acquisition(s) Involved (if any):

Troxclair Canal Culvert

Based on the assessor parcel boundaries, it appears that the Parish will likely need to acquire drainage servitudes from private landowners.

Vans Lane Steel Culvert

Based on the assessor parcel boundaries, it appears that the Parish will likely need to acquire drainage servitudes from private landowners.

Vans Lane RCP Culvert

Based on the assessor parcel boundaries, it appears that the Parish will likely need to acquire a drainage servitude from the private landowner on the south side of the railroad.

H. Mitigation Plan:

The improvements to the New Sarpy Culvert Crossings will increase the resiliency and capacity of the drainage system within the New Sarpy area for future flood risks and sever storm impacts. The increased drainage at the culvert crossings resulting from the additional efficiency of the stormwater pipes will allow for improved capacity into the pump stations and reduce levels of water in major canals in the New Sarpy area.

I. FEMA Public Assistance Eligibility:

N/A

ALTERNATE PROJECT:

A. Project Name and Address:

Boutte Neighborhood Community Center at Linear Park
The Community Center and Linear Park will be located along the 1700 block of Paul Maillard Road with approximate coordinates of 29.910161°, -90.382089°. The exact siting of the Community Center will be based on detailed design.

B. Description of the Proposed Project:

The project site of the Boutte Neighborhood Community Center will be located at the Linear Park which is in a mixed-use corridor that includes multiple commercial business and was heavily damaged by Hurricane Ida and the May 2021 Severe Storms. St. Charles Parish recognizes the impact made on the residents and businesses within this area and the importance of supporting the recovery and economic opportunities throughout the community. A few of the key components of the park will include neighborhood gardens, jogging and walking paths, recreational and resiliency water features, a playground, an airmasium, and a public neighborhood community center which will provide critical resources and services to the predominantly low-to-moderate income residents of the area. The neighborhood community center facility is estimated to be approximately 5,100 square feet and is anticipated to provide youth and adult programs and services to the Boutte community that are not currently available or accessible.

C. Estimated Total Project Cost, Source, Status, and Use of Funds:

PROJECT FUNDS	AMOUNT	SOURCE AND STATUS	USE
CDBG-DR	\$3,702,321.00	CDBG-DR (Subrecipient Allocation – RCIP)	Subject to confirmation by OCD of an additional allocation.
Local Funds	\$2,769,637.33		Subject to confirmation of OCD of an additional allocation.
Private Funds			
Other State Funds			
Federal Funds			
Other Funds			
TOTAL	\$6,471,958.33		

D. Project Context:

St. Charles Parish commissioned a study of the LA 52 corridor which resulted in the development of the Paul Maillard Road (LA 52) Corridor Revitalization Plan. The revitalization plan divided the corridor into three study sections based upon land use and activities along the corridor. The location of the proposed linear park and community center will be within Character Area C of the Revitalization Plan which includes the Chadbourne Housing Development. Based on community meetings held, the Revitalization Plan describes the Character Area C Community's Big Ideas as: Career Training Center, Multi-family Housing, Community Garden, Farmer's Market, Parks and Greenspace, Community Center, and a Business Incubator. The project site identified also aligns with the Revitalization Plan's Future Land Use Plan which designated the site as "recreation and open space".

The development of the linear park and community center within this space aligns with the goals, vision, and objectives captured in the Paul Maillard Road (LA 52) Corridor Revitalization Plan. The current conceptual designs of the park include neighborhood gardens, jogging and walking paths, recreational water features, a playground, and an airmasium. In addition to the park features, the inclusion of the neighborhood community center within the area will provide vital resources to the residents of the community more easily accessible to pedestrian traffic and public transport.

E. Beneficiaries/Public Benefit/Target Area and Boundaries:

The benefit area of the Linear Park and Boutte Neighborhood Community Center is identified in the map below. Positioned along Paul Maillard Road, the linear park and community center will provide resources and services to the community primarily within Block Group 1 and 2 of Census Tract 628 and Block Group 2 of Census Tract 629. The LMI population of Block Group 1 of Census Tract 628 is 49.13%, the LMI population of Block Group 2 of Census Tract 628 is 62.86%, and the LMI population of Census Tract 629 is 48.33%. Therefore, the project meets the CDBG-DR national objective of "Benefit to LMI Persons" and the Area Benefit Test with an aggregate LMI population of 52.44%.

Additionally, this benefit area falls within a DOT-designated Disadvantaged Community area.

Block Group	Census Tract	St. Charles Parish, Louisiana	LA	St. Charles	22	89	62800	1	745	1130	1530	2800	48.13	
89582	2-218-11	2015ACS	St. Charles Parish, Louisiana	LA	St. Charles	22	89	62800	2	595	730	1092	1145	62.86
89583	2-218-11	2015ACS	St. Charles Parish, Louisiana	LA	St. Charles	22	89	62800	2	595	730	1092	1145	62.86
89584	2-218-11	2015ACS	St. Charles Parish, Louisiana	LA	St. Charles	22	89	62800	2	595	730	1092	1145	62.86
89585	2-218-11	2015ACS	St. Charles Parish, Louisiana	LA	St. Charles	22	89	62800	2	595	730	1092	1145	62.86



Furthermore, the location of the neighborhood park and community center will allow for easier and safer access by the community, particularly for pedestrians and people without a mode of automotive transportation. To reach the nearest community center to this area, residents would have to cross Interstate 310 which poses significant safety challenges and hazards.

The Department of Community Services will provide an array of programs and services within the community center, such as career training opportunities, monthly lunch-n-learns, and health fairs. Activities and programs offered at the community center and linear park may include library outreach, work-out Wednesdays, bingo, Tot Tyme, and movie and craft sessions.

In addition, the Department of Community Services will target 30-40 youth at risk who reside in the Paul Maillard corridor. This includes youth from the Paul Fredrick area whose families were severely affected by Hurricane Ida. The Department will provide a safe haven for youth in this community through an afterschool "drop-in" program that provides a nutritious snack, homework help and special holiday activities throughout the school year. In addition, the department will provide a six-week summer enrichment program that will include informal educational activities to reinforce academic skills; provide access to the summer food program; scheduled field trips and daily structured recreational activities.

F. Recovery Rationale:

Currently, there is limited public green space to address the community's recreational needs and to provide vital community resources. The park will provide a space for the local surrounding community and households to gather, hold events and festivals, and participate in outdoor activities while the community center will provide services and resources not currently accessible to residents. It is anticipated that the development would also have an economic revitalization impact in encouraging and facilitating new residential and commercial development as a catalytic investment.

Additionally, the neighborhood community center will not only provide vital services and resources to area residents but can also be utilized as an emergency distribution center in the aftermath of disasters. Basic commodities and necessary resources are critical in post-disaster periods when residents are faced with challenges and impacts from the storms and limited access to satisfy basic needs. The Boutte community does not have these essential services available at this time nor were they available during Hurricane Ida. The addition of the community center in this neighborhood allows for planning and preparing for disasters which plays a crucial role in reducing loss and increasing resiliency for the residents of the area.

The eligible activity for the project is 105(a)2 – The acquisition, construction, reconstruction, or installation (including design features and improvements with respect to such construction, reconstruction, or installation that promote energy efficiency) of public works, facilities (except for buildings for the general conduct of government), and site or other improvements.

G. Description of Acquisition(s) Involved (if any):

No acquisition will be involved as the land was donated to the Parish and the Community Center will be new construction.

H. Mitigation Plan:

The design of the Linear Park will consider numerous low impact design features (stormwater management facilities, native plants, etc.), flood water mitigation, and design best practices. Water management techniques may be employed within or adjacent to the park in conjunction with the parish's drainage master plans to integrate green area with open space and water retention to augment drainage. The development of the park and neighborhood community center will tie into the existing Parish infrastructure systems for drainage, storm protection, and stormwater/wastewater management.

The new Community Center facility will be constructed to promote long-term resilience and sustainability by integrating various hazard mitigation components and sustainable building practices into the project scope. The design of the facility will incorporate elements to help withstand extreme weather events and impacts of climate change. The project will minimize future property damage and adhere to CDBG-DR and program standards and requirements for building elevation to mitigate flood risk. In addition, the design of the building will meet or exceed the latest building codes and standards, as well as explore options for wind resistance and flood-proofing, which may include consideration of the feasibility of reinforced concrete, hurricane-resistant windows, and properly anchored roofs. The project will explore the feasibility of incorporating sustainable, energy-efficient design principles, including proper insulation, energy-efficient HVAC systems, LED lighting, etc. Other green building standards will be considered for appropriateness and HUD compliance.

I. FEMA Public Assistance Eligibility:

No.

(Add Additional Alternate Projects As Needed)

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:

For purposes of this proposal, the following documents must be attached. Subsequent documents will be required according to HUD/CDBG-DR requirements for implementation, approval of project applications, and the drawdown of funds.

- A. A copy of the resolution authorizing the Recovery Proposal by the parish/municipal governing body.
- B. Copy of all required Citizen Participation documents.
- C. Narrative describing the efforts to solicit input and participation from persons of low and moderate income and disadvantaged communities in the public participation process.

CERTIFICATION:

To the best of my knowledge and belief, information in this Recovery Proposal is true and correct. As the applicant, we agree to comply with requirements of 24 CFR Part 58.

I am aware that a proposed project activity may be removed from further consideration should it be determined that there are significant discrepancies in the information provided and/or false, inaccurate or incomplete information has been given.

Matthew Jewell Parish President
Signature, Chief/Elected Official Title
Matthew Jewell 12-18-2023
Typed Name Date

2023-0361
INTRODUCED BY: MATTHEW JEWELL, PARISH PRESIDENT
(DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ZONING)

RESOLUTION NO. 6738
A resolution in support of the Planning and Zoning Commission's approval of 2023-5-SPU for an accessory dwelling unit in an R-1A zoning district, Lot 10A, Block F, Sellers Village Subdivision, 219 Bernard Avenue, Ama as requested by Jordan Petit.
WHEREAS, the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981 requires a resolution of support from the Parish Council in order to permit an accessory dwelling unit (ADU); and,
WHEREAS, Jordan Petit requested a special permit use for an Accessory Dwelling Unit in an R-1A zoning district, on Lot 10A, Block F, Sellers Village Subdivision, 219 Bernard Avenue, Ama; and,
WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning Commission approved the special permit at its regular meeting on December 7, 2023.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL hereby provides this resolution in support of the Planning and Zoning Commission's approval of a Special Permit Use for an accessory dwelling unit in an R-1A zoning district, on Lot 10A, Block F, Sellers Village Subdivision, 219 Bernard Avenue, Ama as requested by Jordan Petit.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: BILLINGS, FONSECA, DARENSBOURG GORDON, CLULEE, GIBBS, DUFRENE, BELLOCK, FISHER, FISHER-CORMIER
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

And the resolution was declared adopted this 18th day of December, 2023, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

CHAIRMAN: Bob Billings
SECRETARY: Michelle Dupont
DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: December 19, 2023
APPROVED: Matthew Jewell DISAPPROVED:

PARISH PRESIDENT: Matthew Jewell
RET/SECRETARY: December 19, 2023
AT: 11:22 am RECD BY: [Signature]

2023-0362
INTRODUCED BY: MATTHEW JEWELL, PARISH PRESIDENT
(GRANTS OFFICE & DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

RESOLUTION NO. 6739
A resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Louisiana Department of the Treasury and the State of Louisiana, and St. Charles Parish regarding the allocation of \$900,000.00 to be utilized for vehicles and equipment.
WHEREAS, Act 397 of 2023 Regular Legislative Session of the Louisiana Legislature, which was adopted in accordance with Article VII, Section 10, of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, is the appropriation for the expenditures of State funds; and,
WHEREAS, Act 397 of 2023 Regular Legislative contains a line item appropriation within the State's budget for the benefit of St. Charles Parish allocating \$900,000.00 in State Aid to Local Government Entities for vehicles and equipment; and,
WHEREAS, the Appropriations Act authorizes payment of expenditures from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024; and,
WHEREAS, St. Charles Parish will utilize these funds for vehicles and equipment; and,
WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana has prepared the necessary Agreement to provide the funding, and it is the desire of the Parish Council to approve said agreement.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL, do hereby approve and authorize the execution of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the State of Louisiana Department of the Treasury and the State of Louisiana, and St. Charles Parish for vehicles and equipment. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish President is hereby authorized to execute said agreement and to act on behalf of St. Charles Parish in all matters pertaining to this agreement.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: BILLINGS, FONSECA, DARENSBOURG GORDON, CLULEE, GIBBS, DUFRENE, BELLOCK, FISHER, FISHER-CORMIER
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

And the resolution was declared adopted this 18th day of December, 2023, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

CHAIRMAN: Bob Billings
SECRETARY: Michelle Dupont
DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: December 19, 2023
APPROVED: Matthew Jewell DISAPPROVED:

PARISH PRESIDENT: Matthew Jewell
RET/SECRETARY: December 19, 2023
AT: 11:22 am RECD BY: [Signature]

Contact Sheet
Act 397 2023 Regular Legislative Session

Please complete all sections:

Legal Name of Entity: St. Charles Parish

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Parish: St. Charles Parish

Legal Status of Entity *: Local Government Authority

* The legal status of the entity may be any of the following:
Sole Proprietorship
Partnership
Limited Liability Company
Municipality
Local Governmental Authority
Corporation
Non-profit Corporation
Non-Profit Religious Corporation

STATE OF LOUISIANA

COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT
(Line Item Appropriation)

THIS COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR, is made and entered into by and between the Louisiana Department of the Treasury and the State of Louisiana, hereinafter referred to as “State” and/or “Agency” and St. Charles Parish officially domiciled at P.O. Box 302, 15045 River Road, Hahnville, LA 70057, hereinafter referred to as “Contracting Party”.

ARTICLE I

WITNESSETH:

- 1.1 WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14(c) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana provides that “for a public purpose, the state and its political subdivisions...may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its agencies, or with any public or private association, corporation, or individual;” and
- 1.2 WHEREAS, Acts of the 2023 Regular Legislative Session of the Louisiana Legislature, which were adopted in accordance with Article VII, Section 10, of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, is the appropriation for the expenditure of State funds, and said Act 397 contains a line item appropriation within the Agency’s budget for the benefit of St. Charles Parish of which the sum of NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND & NO/100 (\$900,000.00) DOLLARS has been allocated for this program/project, as set forth in the Attachment A Plan, which is attached to this Agreement and made a part hereof;
- 1.3 WHEREAS, the Agency desires to cooperate with the Contracting Party in the implementation of the project as hereinafter provided;
- 1.4 WHEREAS, the public purpose is described as: to purchase vehicles and equipment for the Department of Public Works;
- 1.5 WHEREAS, the Contracting Party has provided all required information in accordance with said Act of the 2023 Regular Legislative Session, if applicable and the Governor’s Executive Order JBE 2016 - 38 on accountability for line item appropriations; and is attached to this agreement and made part hereof by reference as “Attachment E.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, the parties hereto agree as follows:

ARTICLE II
SCOPE OF SERVICES

- 2.1 The Contracting Party shall: to purchase vehicles and equipment for the Department of Public Works
- 2.2 Deliverables: Purchase two (2) Ford F150s, four (4) Ford F750s, one (1) John Deere 60G Excavator, three (3) 40 DLA Interstate Trailers, and one (1) 5105 Utility Tractor

The Contracting Party will provide to the State written quarterly **Progress Reports (Attachment C)** outlining the Contracting Party’s resources, initiatives, activities, services and performance consistent with the provisions, goals and objectives of this Agreement and quarterly **Cost Reports (Attachment D)** which provide detailed cost information outlining the use of the above referenced appropriated funds. **Attachment C, Progress Report and Attachment D, Cost Report** are attached to this agreement and made part thereof by reference. Adequate supporting documentation (including copies of invoices, checks and other appropriate records reflecting expenses incurred) shall be attached to the reports. All original documentation supporting the reports shall be maintained by the Contracting Party, and shall be subject to audit, as hereinafter stated. These reports that are to be provided quarterly shall be due and delivered to the Agency on or before the 31st of October for the quarter ending September 30, the 31st day of January for the quarter ending December 31, the 30th day of April for the quarter ending March 31, and the 15th day July for the quarter ending June 30, there being no exceptions or waivers of this July reporting due date.

- 2.3 Budget: The **Budget** for this project is incorporated herein as **Attachment B** which is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference and shows all anticipated revenues and expenditures provided by this cooperative endeavor. The **Budget** for this project shall not exceed the total sum of NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND & NO/100 (\$900,000.00) DOLLARS which sum shall be inclusive of all costs or expenses to be paid by the State in connection with the services to be provided under this agreement. This is the total sum that has been appropriated by the State for this program/project. No state funds shall be paid for any one phase of this Agreement that exceeds the **Budget** attached as “Attachment B”, without the **prior** approval of the State. **Attachment B Page 2 - Staffing Chart and Attachment B Page 3 - Schedule of Professional and Other Contracting Services** are also attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference, and shall be fully completed by the Contracting Party for attachment to and inclusion as a part of this Agreement.

- 2.4 Disclosure and Certification Statement(s): **Attachment E - Disclosure and Certification Statement** to this Agreement must be fully completed, dated and executed by a duly authorized representative of the Contracting Party. Additionally, the Contracting Party shall attach to this **Attachment E**, where applicable, the following: a) a copy of the board resolution authorizing execution of this Agreement on behalf of the Contracting Party, or other written authorization for such execution that may be appropriate, as the case may be; and, b) a copy of a Certificate of “Good Standing” from the Secretary of State. Additionally, as to all sub-contracting, sub-recipient parties shown and identified in **Attachment B Page 3** and any attachments thereto, **Attachment E-1 - Disclosure and Certification Statement** to this Agreement must be fully completed, dated and executed by a duly authorized representative of each such sub-contracting, sub-recipient party, and shall have attached thereto, where applicable, the same attachments required for the Contracting Party in a) and b) of this paragraph. For public or quasi-public entities which are recipients under Acts of the 2023 Regular Legislative Session and which are not budget units of the State, no funds shall be transferred unless said Contracting Party submits to the Legislative Auditor for approval a copy of this Agreement and Budget showing all anticipated use of the appropriation, an estimate of the duration of the project and a plan showing specific goal and objectives for the use of such funds, including measures of performance. This requirement will be met by Department of Treasury’s submission of the approved budget (Attachment A and Attachment B) to the Legislative Auditor. The Contracting Party shall provide written reports every quarter to the funding agency concerning the use of the funds and the specific goals and objectives for the use thereof.

- 2.5 The recipient assures that elected officials or their family members will not receive (directly or indirectly) any part of the funds awarded through this appropriation. State law defines “immediate family” as the term related to a public servant to mean children, the spouses of children, brothers and their spouses, sisters and their spouses, parents, spouse and the parents of a spouse. See R.S. 42:1101 et seq.

ARTICLE III
CONTRACT MONITOR

- 3.1 The Contract Monitor for this Agreement is the Local Government Fund Management Division of the Department of the Treasury.
- 3.2 Monitoring Plan: During the term of this Agreement, the Contracting Party shall discuss with the State’s Contract Monitor the progress and results of the project, ongoing plans for the continuation of the project, any deficiencies noted, and other matters relating to the project. The Contract Monitor shall review and analyze the Contracting Party’s Plan to ensure the Contracting Party’s compliance with the requirements of the Agreement.

The Contract Monitor shall also review and analyze the Contracting Party’s written, **Attachment C-Progress Report and Attachment D-Cost Report** and any work product for compliance with the Scope of Services; and shall

- Compare the Reports to Goals/Results and Performance Measures outlined in this Agreement to determine the progress made;
- Contact the Contracting Party to secure any missing deliverables;
- Maintain telephone and/or e-mail contact with the Contracting Party on Agreement activity and, if necessary, make visits to the Contracting Party’s site in order to review the progress and completion of the Contracting Party’s services, to assure that performance goals are being achieved, and to verify information when needed.
- Assure that expenditures or reimbursements requested in **Attachment D-Cost Report** are in compliance with the approved **Goals in Attachment A Plan**. The Contract Monitor shall coordinate with the Agency’s fiscal office for

reimbursements to Contracting Party and shall contact the Contracting Party for further details, information for documentation when necessary.

Between required performance reporting dates, the Contracting Party shall inform the Contract Monitor of any problems, delays or adverse conditions which will materially affect the ability to attain program objectives, prevent the meeting of time schedules and goals, or preclude the attainment of project results by established time schedules and goals. The Contracting Party’s disclosure shall be accompanied by a statement describing the action taken or contemplated by the Contracting Party, and any assistance which may be needed to resolve the situation.

ARTICLE IV
PAYMENT TERMS

- 4.1 Payment shall be made to the Contracting Party under the terms and conditions of one of the following plans (*Please check one*):

☒ **PLAN A:** Provided the Contracting Party’s progress and/or completion of the Contracting Party’s services are to the reasonable satisfaction of the State, payments to the Contracting Party shall be made by the State on a reimbursement basis, after receipt from the Contracting Party and approval by the State of quarterly Attachment C-Progress Reports and Attachment D-Cost Reports requesting reimbursement, and certifying that such expenses have been incurred. Adequate supporting documentation (including copies of invoices, checks and other appropriate records reflecting expenses incurred) shall be attached to the reports. All original documentation supporting the reports shall be maintained by the Contracting Party, and shall be subject to audit, as hereinafter stated.

☐ **PLAN B:** One initial payment limited to no more than 50% of the total line item appropriation shall be made to the Contracting Party in advance of services being performed **only** with sufficient justification provided on Attachment A, Attachment B and Attachment B-Supplement (collectively termed the business plan), and the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement is approved by the Office of State Procurement or other delegated authority. The balance of the appropriation will be paid provided the Contracting Party’s progress and/or completion of the Contracting Party’s services are to the reasonable satisfaction of the State, payments to the Contracting Party shall be made by the State on a reimbursement basis, after receipt from the Contracting Party and approval by the State of quarterly Attachment C-Progress Reports and Attachment D-Cost Reports requesting reimbursement, and certifying that such expenses have been incurred. Adequate supporting documentation (including copies of invoices, checks and other appropriate records reflecting expenses incurred) shall be attached to the reports. All original documentation supporting the reports shall be maintained by the Contracting Party, and shall be subject to audit, as hereinafter stated. **Upon receipt of the 1st Quarter Progress and Cost Reports and approval thereof, the initial 50% payment will be applied and if such approved expenses exceed the initial payment, the difference will be forthcoming.**

☐ **PLAN C:** Payment of 100% of the line item appropriation shall be made to the Contracting Party in advance of purchasing equipment or other similar expenditures **only** with sufficient justification provided on Attachment A, Attachment B and Attachment B-Supplement (collectively termed the business plan) indicating that there is no other source of funding available to make the purchase to satisfy the goals and objectives of the project, and the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement is approved by the Office of State Procurement or other delegated authority.

- 4.2 Travel expenses, if any, shall be reimbursed only in the event that this Agreement provides for such reimbursement, such travel expenses are included in the Contracting Party’s approved compensation, budget or allocated amount, and then only in accordance with Division of Administration Policy and Procedure Memorandum No. 49. Invoices and/or receipts for any pre-approved reimbursable expenses or travel expenses must be provided or attached to periodic invoices for reimbursement. If reimbursement is sought for meals, which under Memorandum No. 49 are based upon departure and return times and dates that are properly set forth on the State Travel Expense Report, the Contracting Party shall fully complete and submit such Travel Expense Report, attached hereto as **Attachment F**, in addition to all other required submissions, for such reimbursement.
- 4.3 Payments by the State under this Agreement will be allowed only for expenditures occurring between and including the dates of July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024, and this project and all of the Contracting Party’s services shall be completed by that date. Payment is contingent upon the availability of sufficient collection of state sales tax revenues credited to the appropriate Fund and upon the approval of this Agreement by the Office of State Procurement or other delegated authority. Notwithstanding any provision hereof to the contrary, the Attachment C-Progress Report and Attachment D-Cost Report for any reporting period ending June 30, 2024, MUST, under all circumstances, be received by the Agency no later than July 15, 2024, in order for the Contracting Party to receive payment for reimbursement of expenses incurred and set forth herein.

Payments by the State under this Agreement will not be released or provided to the Contracting Party if, when, and long as, the Contracting Party fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of R.S. 24:513. No Contracting Party shall be considered to fail or refuse to comply with the provisions of R.S. 24:513 during any extension of time to comply granted by the legislative auditor to the Contracting Party.

- 4.4 The Contract Monitor shall monitor disbursements on a monthly basis. Under circumstances such that the recipient entity has not demonstrated substantial progress towards goals and objectives, based on established measures of performance, further disbursements shall be discontinued until substantial progress is demonstrated or the entity has justified, to the satisfaction of the Agency, reasons for the lack of progress. If the Agency determines that the recipient failed to use the Line Item Appropriation within the estimated duration of the project or failed to reasonably achieve its specific goals and objectives, without sufficient justification, the Agency shall demand that any unexpended funds be returned to the state treasury within 45 days of the demand unless approval to retain the funds is obtained from the Division of Administration and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget. Likewise, if the Contracting Party defaults on the Agreement, breaches the terms of the Agreement, ceases to do business, or ceases to do business in Louisiana it shall be required to repay the State within 45 days of the demand, unless approval to retain the funds is obtained from the Division of Administration and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget. For public or quasi-public entities which are recipients under said Act of the 2023 Regular Legislative Session, the transferring Agency shall forward to the Legislative Auditor, the Division of Administration and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget a report showing specific data regarding compliance with this Section and collection of any unexpended funds. This report shall be submitted not later than May 1, 2024.

If the Contracting Party defaults on the agreement, breaches the terms of the agreement, or ceases to do business in Louisiana and does not return unexpended funds upon demand, the agreement shall be turned over to the Louisiana Department of Revenue, Office of Debt Recovery for collection purposes.

- 4.5 Taxes: The Contracting Party hereby agrees that the responsibility for payment of taxes from the funds thus received under this Agreement and/or legislative appropriation shall be the Contracting Party’s obligation and identified under Federal tax identification number 72-6001208.

ARTICLE V
TERMINATION FOR CAUSE

- 5.1 The State may terminate this agreement for cause based upon the failure of the Contracting Party to comply with the terms and/or conditions of the Agreement; provided that the State shall give the Contracting Party written notice specifying the Contracting Party’s failure. If within thirty (30) days after receipt of such notice, the Contracting Party shall not have either corrected such failure or, in the case which cannot be corrected in thirty (30) days, begun in good faith to correct said failure and thereafter proceeded diligently to complete such correction, then the State may, at its option, place the Contracting Party in default and the Agreement shall terminate on the date specified in such notice. The Contracting Party may exercise any rights available to it under Louisiana law to terminate for cause upon the failure of the State to comply with the terms and conditions of this agreement; provided that the Contracting Party shall give the State written notice specifying the State’s failure and a reasonable opportunity for the State to cure the defect.

ARTICLE VI
TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

- 6.1 The State may terminate the agreement at any time by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the Contracting Party. Upon receipt of notice, the Contracting Party shall, unless the notice directs otherwise, immediately discontinue the work and placing of orders for materials, facilities, services and supplies in connection with the performance of this agreement. The Contracting Party shall be entitled to payment for deliverables in progress, to the extent work has been performed satisfactorily.

ARTICLE VII
OWNERSHIP

- 7.1 All records, reports, documents and other material delivered or transmitted to the Contracting Party by the State shall remain the property of the State, and shall be returned by Contracting Party to the State, at the Contracting Party’s expense, at termination or expiration of this Agreement. All records, reports, documents, or other material related to this agreement and/or obtained or prepared by the Contracting Party in connection with performance of the services contracted for herein shall become the property of the State, and shall, upon request, be returned by Contracting Party to the State at Contracting Party’s expense at termination or expiration of this agreement.

ARTICLE VIII
ASSIGNMENT

- 8.1 The Contracting Party shall not assign any interest in this agreement and shall not transfer any interest in same (whether by assignment or novation), without prior written consent of the State, provided however, that claims for money due or to become due to the Contracting Party from the State may be assigned to a bank, trust company, or other financial institution without such prior written consent. Notice of any such assignment or transfer shall be furnished promptly to the State.

ARTICLE IX
FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

- 9.1 Each recipient shall be audited in accordance with R.S. 24:513. If the amount of public funds received by the Contracting Party is below the amount for which an audit is required under R.S. 24:513, the transferring agency shall monitor and evaluate the use of the funds to ensure effective achievement of the goals and objectives. This evaluation shall be based upon the progress reports and cost reports as provided and certified by the Contracting Party under the requirements of this agreement, as well as any site visits that may be made under the provisions this agreement, to ensure effective achievement of the goals and objectives.

ARTICLE X
AUDITOR’S CLAUSE

- 10.1 It is hereby agreed that the Legislative Auditor of the State of Louisiana and/or the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration auditors shall have the option of auditing all records and accounts of the Contracting Party which relate to this Agreement.

10.2 The Contracting Party and any subcontractors paid under this Agreement shall maintain all books and records pertaining to this agreement for a period of three years after the date of Treasury’s acceptance of the final Cost and Progress Reports and documentation as required to be filed under Section 2.2 of the Agreement.

ARTICLE XI
AMENDMENTS IN WRITING

11.1 Any alteration, variation, modification, or waiver of provisions of this agreement shall be valid only when it has been reduced to writing, executed by all parties and approved by the Director of the Office of State Procurement, Division of Administration, or other delegated authority prior to the alteration, variation, modification or waiver of any provision of this Agreement. This agreement may not be amended after the expiration date.

ARTICLE XII
FISCAL FUNDING CLAUSE

12.1 The continuation of this agreement is contingent upon the appropriation of funds to fulfill the requirements of the agreement by the legislature. If the legislature fails to appropriate sufficient monies to provide for the continuation of the agreement, or if such appropriation is reduced by the veto of the Governor or by any means provided in the appropriations act to prevent the total appropriation for the year from exceeding revenues for that year, or for any other lawful purpose, and the effect of such reduction is to provide insufficient monies for the continuation of the agreement, the agreement shall terminate on the date of the beginning of the first fiscal year for which funds are not appropriated.

ARTICLE XIII
TERM OF CONTRACT

13.1 This Agreement shall begin on July 1, 2023 and shall terminate on June 30, 2024. Every effort should be made to complete the objectives of the agreement and incur approved expenses by June 30, 2024. There is no extension of the June 30, 2024 deadline without legislative action and approval.

ARTICLE XIV
DISCRIMINATION CLAUSE

14.1 The Contracting Party agrees to abide by the requirements of the following as applicable: Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Equal Opportunity Act of 1972, Federal Executive Order 11246, the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Vietnam Era Veteran’s Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Act of 1975, and Contracting Party agrees to abide by the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Contracting Party agrees not to discriminate in its employment practices, and will render services under this contract without regard to age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, veteran status, political affiliation, or disabilities. Any act of discrimination committed by the Contracting Party, or failure to comply with these statutory obligations when applicable shall be grounds for termination of this agreement.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED AT Baton Rouge, Louisiana on the ____ day of _____, 20 ____

WITNESSES:

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
STATE OF LOUISIANA

Agency Head or designee

Print Name and Title

THUS DONE AND SIGNED AT St. Charles Parish, Louisiana on the 19th day, of Dec., 20 23.

WITNESSES:

Contracting Party

Billy Raymond

Matthew Jewell

Authorized Person

Michelle Impastato

Matthew Jewell, Parish President

Print Name and Title

2023-0337

RESOLUTION NO. 6740

A resolution appointing a member to the St. Charles Parish Planning & Zoning Commission as the District VII Representative.

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy on the **ST. CHARLES PARISH PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION** due to the resignation of Ms. Michele deBruler on November 16, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Parish Council to fill this vacancy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mr. Richard J. Folse, Jr. 108 Lac Felicite Dr., Luling, LA 70070 is hereby appointed to fill the unexpired term on the **ST. CHARLES PARISH PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION** as the District VII Representative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said appointment shall be effective **IMMEDIATELY** and shall expire **MAY 31, 2026**.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: BILLINGS, FONSECA, DARENSBOURG GORDON, CLULEE, GIBBS, DUFRENE, BELLOCK, FISHER, FISHER-CORMIER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

And the resolution was declared adopted this 18th day of December, 2023, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

APPOINT P & Z (unexpired)

CHAIRMAN: Bob Billings

SECRETARY: Michelle Impastato

DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: December 19, 2023

APPROVED: ✓ DISAPPROVED: _____

PARISH PRESIDENT: Matthew Jewell

RET/SECRETARY: December 19, 2023

AT: 11:22 am RECD BY: [Signature]

2023-0340

RESOLUTION NO. 6741

A resolution appointing a member to the St. Charles Parish Board of Adjustment as the District IV Representative.

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy on the **ST. CHARLES PARISH BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT** due to the resignation of Mr. Ernest Eusea on December 22, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Parish Council to fill this vacancy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mr. Clyde H. Maddox 112 Kerrys Point West, Des Allemands, LA, 70030 is hereby appointed to fill the unexpired term on the **ST. CHARLES PARISH BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT** as the District IV Representative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said appointment shall be effective **DECEMBER 23, 2023**, and shall expire **DECEMBER 7, 2025**.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: BILLINGS, FONSECA, DARENSBOURG GORDON, CLULEE, GIBBS, DUFRENE, BELLOCK, FISHER, FISHER-CORMIER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

And the resolution was declared adopted this 18th day of December, 2023, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

APPOINT ZBA (unexpired)

CHAIRMAN: Bob Billings

SECRETARY: Michelle Impastato

DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: December 19, 2023

APPROVED: ✓ DISAPPROVED: _____

PARISH PRESIDENT: Matthew Jewell

RET/SECRETARY: December 19, 2023

AT: 11:22 am RECD BY: [Signature]

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.

Michelle Impastato

MICHELLE IMPASTATO
COUNCIL SECRETARY

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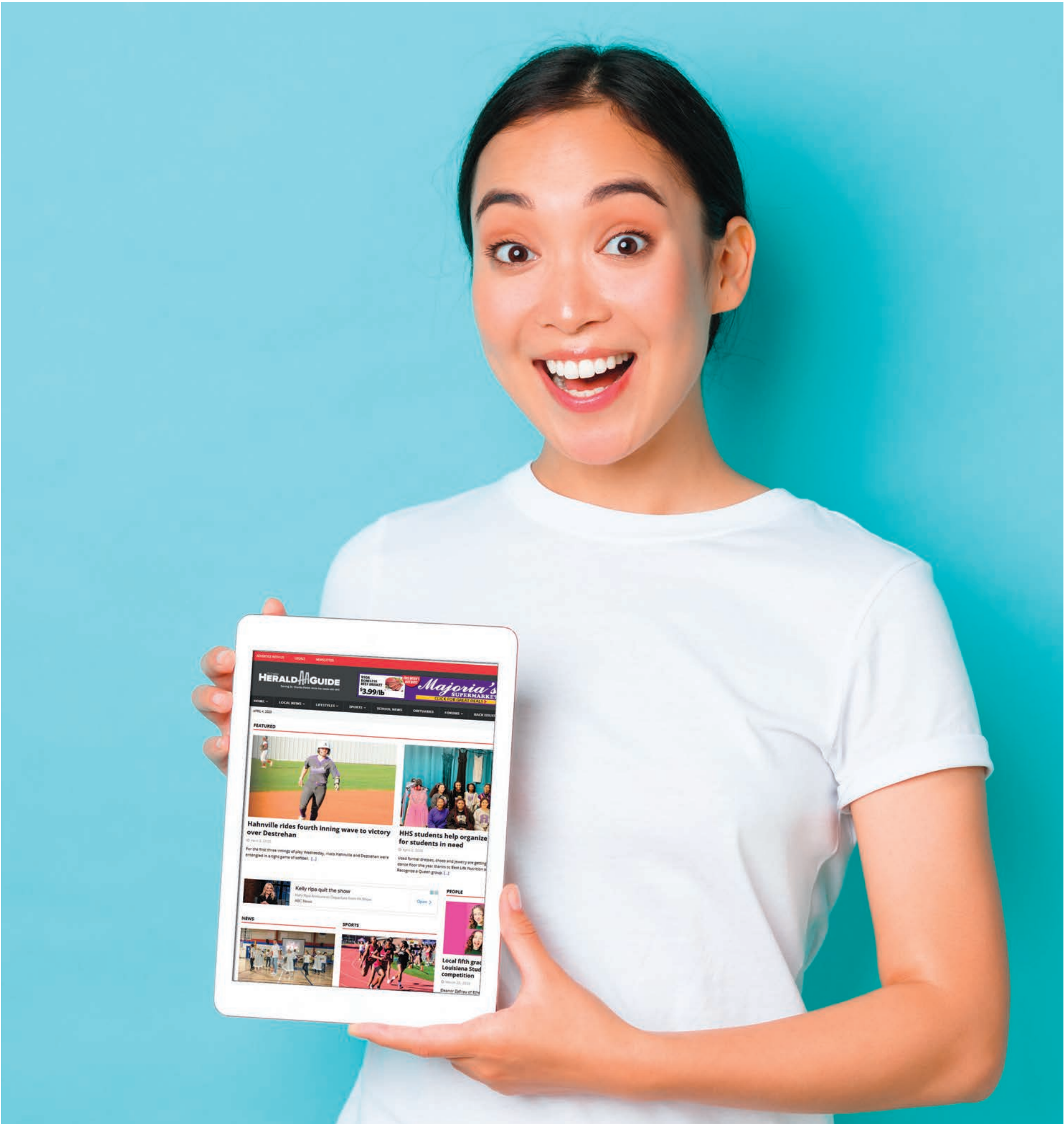
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