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EXTRACT OF THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF ST. BERNARD, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE ST. BERNARD PARISH GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, 8201 WEST JUDGE PEREZ DRIVE, CHALMETTE, LOUISIANA ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2014 AT THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Mr. Montelongo, seconded by Mr. Gorbaty, it was moved to **adopt** the following resolution:

RESOLUTION SBPC #1214-08-14

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR FUNDING FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE FLOODWALL ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE VIOLET CANAL.

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is in the process of updating its Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRMs) for hundred year rainfall events in Orleans and St. Bernard Parishes, which are used in the calculation of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) rates; and,

WHEREAS, the Forty Arpent Levee located in the Lower Ninth Ward of Orleans Parish and in St. Bernard Parish must be certified in order to be accredited by FEMA for the NFIP and included in the DFIRMs; and,

WHEREAS, subsequent to the request by FEMA for certification documents for the Forty Arpent Levee, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (SLFPA-E) entered into a Provisionally Accredited Levee (PAL) Agreement with FEMA on August 7, 2012, which allowed a two year period to complete the engineering work necessary to develop the required certification documents; and,

WHEREAS, certification is only available for the entire levee system and not individual segments of levees delineated only by political boundaries; and,

WHEREAS, the failure to provide complete data and documentation to comply with certification requirements (44 CRF 65.10) within the designated two-year timeframe will result in FEMA's initiation of a revision to the DEFIRM by raising the Base Flood Elevations and redesignate the area as a Special Flood Hazard Area [an area subject to inundation by the base (1-percent annual chance) flood], and a significant increase in NFIP premiums for citizens residing in Orleans and St. Bernard Parishes; and,



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WHEREAS, the SLFPA-E engaged the services of Tetra Tech, Inc. to conduct the work required for certification, which includes, but is not limited to, levee inspection, land surveying, soil borings and other geotechnical engineering analysis, and review and modification of Operation, Maintenance and Emergency Operations Plans; and,

WHEREAS, the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District and Orleans Levee District have committed to expending funding in the total amount of \$3,725,757 for the aforementioned levee inspection, land surveying, soil borings and other geotechnical engineering analysis, and review and modification of Operation, Maintenance and Emergency Operations Plans; and,

WHEREAS, it has been determined that a floodwall is required for certification on the west side of the Violet Canal in St. Bernard Parish and tied into the Forty Arpent Levee at an estimated cost of \$4 million in order for the levee to meet certification requirements; and,

WHEREAS, the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District is currently operating with an annual estimated budgeted deficit of \$500,000 and is unable to fund the design and construction of the required floodwall at the Violet Canal; and,

WHEREAS, all avenues for funding the design and construction of the aforementioned floodwall have been exhausted; and,

WHEREAS, if the aforementioned floodwall is not constructed and the Forty Arpent Levee is not certified, FEMA will initiate a revision to the DEFIRM to redesignate the area as a Special Flood Hazard Area and NFIP premiums will significantly increase for citizens residing in the Lower Ninth Ward and St. Bernard Parish, severely impacting new home ownership, mortgages and the tax base, and substantially damage the recovering economies of Orleans and St. Bernard Parishes; and,

WHEREAS, Executive Finance Committee recommended **APPROVAL** on 8/14/14.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Bernard Parish Council supports the request of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – East for the Interim Emergency Board to approve funding in the amount of \$4 million for the design and construction of the floodwall on the west side of the Violet Canal.



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The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereupon resulted as follows:

YEAS: Lauga, Gorbaty, Lewis, Hunnicutt, Montelongo

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Cavignac

The Council Chair, Mr. McInnis, cast his vote as **YEA**.

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 19th day of August, 2014.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a motion adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Parish of St. Bernard, held at Chalmette, Louisiana, on Tuesday, August 19, 2014.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Parish of St. Bernard on the 19th day of August, 2014.

ROXANNE ADAMS
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