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#22

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, NOVEMBER 17, 2015 AT THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

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

RESOLUTION SBPC #1418-11-15

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE ADOPTED JULY 20, 2005, AND SUPPORTING THE SECTION 203 INTEGRATED FEASIBILITY STUDY AND DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT, BAPTISTE COLLETTE BAYOU NAVIGATION CHANNEL DEEPENING, SUBMITTED TO THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (CIVIL WORKS), AUGUST 31, 2015; AND OTHERWISE TO PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the enlargement of the navigational channel in the Baptiste Colette Bayou, which is under authority of the United States Army Corps of Engineers is of National interest to promote and facilitate vessel navigation and commerce to the Gulf of Mexico and adjoining States of the United States of America: and,

WHEREAS, there has been a recent expansion of 2 million acres in the eastern Gulf of Mexico made available for lease sales for the exploration and production of natural resources to meet domestic and foreign demand; and,

WHEREAS, the close proximity between Venice, Louisiana, and the recent expansion of available acreage in the eastern Gulf of Mexico makes Venice the most efficient, economical, and location of choice by future operators to establish a shore base from which to provide support for this offshore development; and,

WHEREAS, in order to accommodate the size and draft of marine vessels required to facilitate this new field in the Gulf of Mexico, the operating depths of certain channels must be increased and highway access must be provided; and,

WHEREAS, the completion of this project will increase demand on the industrial facilities, suppliers of associated products and services throughout Louisiana and particularly upon occupants within St. Bernard Parish; and,



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WHEREAS, the enlargement of the navigational channel is not only crucial for the economic development of Southeast Louisiana which has been devastated by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, but also for the benefit of the State of Louisiana as well; and,

WHEREAS, this Council would like to officially express its support of the Committee Resolution adopted by the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the United States Senate dated July 20, 2005 as well as the Section 203 Integrated Feasibility Study and Draft Environmental Assessment, Baptiste Collette Bayou Navigation Channel Deepening, submitted to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), August 31, 2015 and believes that providing for a deep water access from Venice, Louisiana to the Gulf of Mexico is a project beneficial for the Parish of St. Bernard, State of Louisiana and the United States of America.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. Bernard Parish Council of St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana, acting as governing authority of said Parish:

SECTION 1. That it hereby officially supports the Committee Resolution adopted by the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the United States Senate dated July 20, 2005 and the Section 203 Integrated Feasibility Study and Draft Environmental Assessment, Baptiste Collette Bayou Navigation Channel Deepening dated August 31, 2015 for the enlargement of the navigational channel Baptiste Collette Bayou to provide deep water access from Venice, Louisiana to the Gulf of Mexico.

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

YEAS: Lauga, Lewis, Hunnicutt, Montelongo, McInnis

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Gorbaty

The Chairman, Mr. Cavignac, cast his vote as YEA.

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 17th day of November, 2015.



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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, November 17, 2015.

Witness my hand and the seal
of the Parish of St. Bernard on
this 17th day of November, 2015.

ROXANNE ADAMS
CLERK OF COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
JEFFERSON, ORLEANS, PLAQUEMINES, ST. BERNARD AND ST. TAMMANY PARISHES

Peters Road Bridge and Extension and Baptiste Collette Dredging
Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana

Introduced by Billy Nungesser, seconded by
Jerry Hodnett on the 12th day of
June, 2007.

WHEREAS, Plaquemines Parish is uniquely situated to service expanded Oil & Gas Fields located in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Venice, Louisiana, can serve as the Shoreside Supply Depot for the deep water oil and gas fields in the eastern Gulf; and,

WHEREAS, certain immediate capital improvements are required in order to position the state of Louisiana to take advantage of this economic development and job growth opportunity, including the following:

1. Peter's Road Bridge and Extension from its current terminus near Engineer's Road in Jefferson Parish to LA Highway 23 in Plaquemines Parish (a distance of 5.5 miles) to provide shorter and improved access to Venice, Louisiana as well as existing and planned port and industrial facilities in the LA Highway 23 corridor; and
2. The dredging of Bayou Baptiste Collette from 14 feet Mean Low Gulf to 30 feet Mean Low Gulf in order to accommodate new larger class offshore oil and gas service vessels operating between Venice, Louisiana and Eastern Gulf facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Regional Planning Commission for Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John and St. Tammany Parishes has reviewed the above projects and hereby expresses its full support for the following Phase I improvements:

1. \$3,000,000 for initiation of necessary Planning and Design work for Baptiste Collette Dredging; and
2. \$15,000,000 for Phase I construction of the Peters Road Extension from Barriere Road to LA 23.

Further, that the Regional Planning Commission hereby requests the favorable support and funding of these projects through the State Capital Outlay Budget (House Bill No. 2).

Whereupon, after discussion, the question was called and resulted in the following:

AYES: 21 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0


HENRY J. RODRIGUEZ, JR.
CHAIRMAN


BILLY NUNGESSER
SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

JEFFERSON, ORLEANS, PLAQUEMINES, ST. BERNARD, ST. TAMMANY & TANGIPAHOA PARISHES

**Baptiste Collette Dredging
Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana**

Introduced by President Burgess,

seconded by Mr. Stefancik, on the

13th day of October, 2015.

WHEREAS, the enlargement of the navigational channel in the Baptiste Collette Bayou, which is under authority of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, is of national interest to promote and facilitate vessel navigation and commerce to the Gulf of Mexico and adjoining U.S. states; and

WHEREAS, there has been a recent expansion of 2,000,000 acres in the eastern Gulf of Mexico made available for lease sales for the exploration and production of natural resources to meet domestic and foreign demand, and

WHEREAS, the close proximity between Venice, Louisiana and the recent expansion of available acreage in the eastern Gulf of Mexico makes Venice the most efficient, economical, location of choice by future operators to establish a shore base from which to provide support for this offshore development; and

WHEREAS, in order to accommodate the size and draft of marine vessels required to facilitate this new field in the Gulf of Mexico, the operating depths of certain channels must be increased and highway access must be provided ; and

WHEREAS, the completion of this project will increase demand on the industrial facilities, suppliers of associated products and services throughout Louisiana and particularly upon occupants within Plaquemines Parish; and

WHEREAS, the enlargement of the navigational channel is not only crucial for the economic development of southeast Louisiana which has been devastated by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, but also for the benefit of the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, RPC officially expresses its support of the Resolution adopted by the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works dated July 20, 2005 as well as the Section 203 Integrated Feasibility Study and Draft Environmental Assessment, Baptiste Collette Bayou Navigation Channel Deepening, submitted to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), August 31, 2015 and believes that providing for deep water access from Venice, Louisiana to the Gulf of Mexico is a project beneficial to Plaquemines Parish, the State of Louisiana and the United States of America;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Regional Planning Commission accepts the recommendation of the Transportation Policy Committee and hereby expresses its full support for the Committee Resolution adopted by the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the United States Senate dated July 20, 2005 and the Section 203 Integrated Feasibility Study and Draft Environmental Assessment, Baptiste Collette Bayou Navigation Channel Deepening, dated August 31, 2015 for the enlargement of the navigational channel Baptiste Collette Bayou to provide deep water access from Venice, Louisiana to the Gulf of Mexico and recommends same to the members of the Regional Planning Commission.

Whereupon, after discussion, the question was called and resulted in the following:

AYES: 22 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

And the Chairman declared the Resolution duly carried.



AMOS CORMIER, JR.
CHAIRMAN



DAVID PERALTA
SECRETARY



Baptiste Collette Bayou Navigation Channel Deepening

Location

Baptiste Collette Bayou is a distributary of the Mississippi River, approximately 75 miles south of New Orleans, near Venice in Plaquemines Parish.

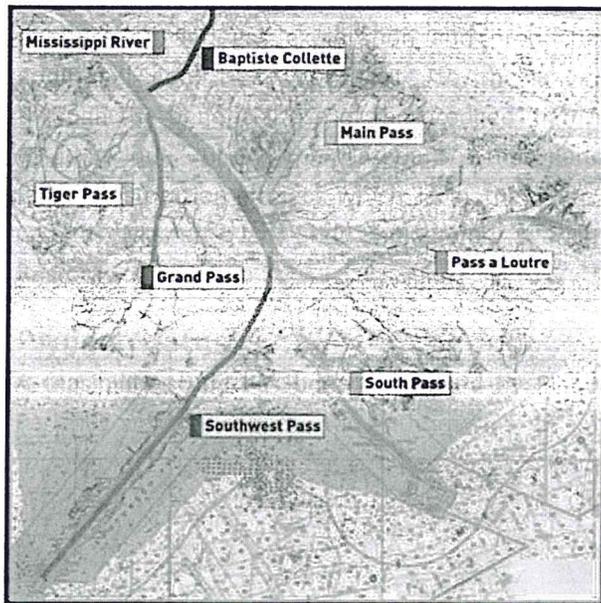


Figure 1: Navigation Channels from Venice to the Gulf of Mexico

Problems

Deep draft vessels traveling to/from destinations east of the mouth of the Mississippi River must take an indirect route from Venice through the heavily used Southwest Pass before going east. Higher transportation costs and damage to vessels are incurred because of the absence of an eastward access point to/from the Mississippi River. This access deficiency limits opportunities for the port facilities at Venice to efficiently service offshore oil and gas drilling and production facilities east of the Mississippi River. Waterway user's needs are best met when distance, time, cost and infrastructure capacity allow them to operate efficiently. Lack of an adequate access to/from the destinations east of the Mississippi River could lead to the loss of businesses and revenue for the parish and state.

Project Goal

The goal for this project is to contribute to the economy of southern Louisiana and thus contribute to the economy and well-being of the State of Louisiana and the nation through improvement to the navigation system serving offshore oil and gas exploration and production. An additional goal is to contribute to the environment through the beneficial use of the dredged material. This could include utilizing the material for the Spanish Pass Ridge Restoration Project which is in the State's 2012 Coastal Master Plan and Plaquemines Parish Ridge Restoration Program.

Project Status

A feasibility study has been conducted by Plaquemines Parish Government under the authority of Section 203 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1986 (P.L. 99-662). Section 203 of WRDA 1986 allows non-Federal interest, such as the Parish, to undertake feasibility studies of proposed navigation projects and submit them to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works [ASA(CW)] for consideration to be recommended for construction as a Corps of Engineers Civil Works project.

The study considered four alternative routes (South Pass, Main Pass, Pass a Loutre and Baptiste Collette) before selecting Baptiste Collette Bayou. Upon selecting Baptiste Collette, multiple depths and channel alignments were considered before selecting the 22-foot project depth and the alignment shown in Figure 2 as providing the best benefit cost ratio.

The feasibility study was completed and submitted to ASA(CW) in August 2015.



Baptiste Collette Bayou Navigation Channel Deepening

Project Features

Length	17.47 miles
Depth (Channel)	22 feet
Width (Channel)	185 feet
Depth (Open Water)	24 feet
Width (Open Water)	200 feet
Initial Dredging	4,037,000 cubic yards
Annual Maintenance Dredging	1,778,000 cubic yards

Project Cost (millions of dollars)

Construction Cost	45.35
Annualized Construction Cost	1.89
Annual Maintenance cost	9.4
Total Annual Cost	11.29
Transportation Savings	15.94
Net Benefits	4.65
Benefit Cost Ratio	1.41

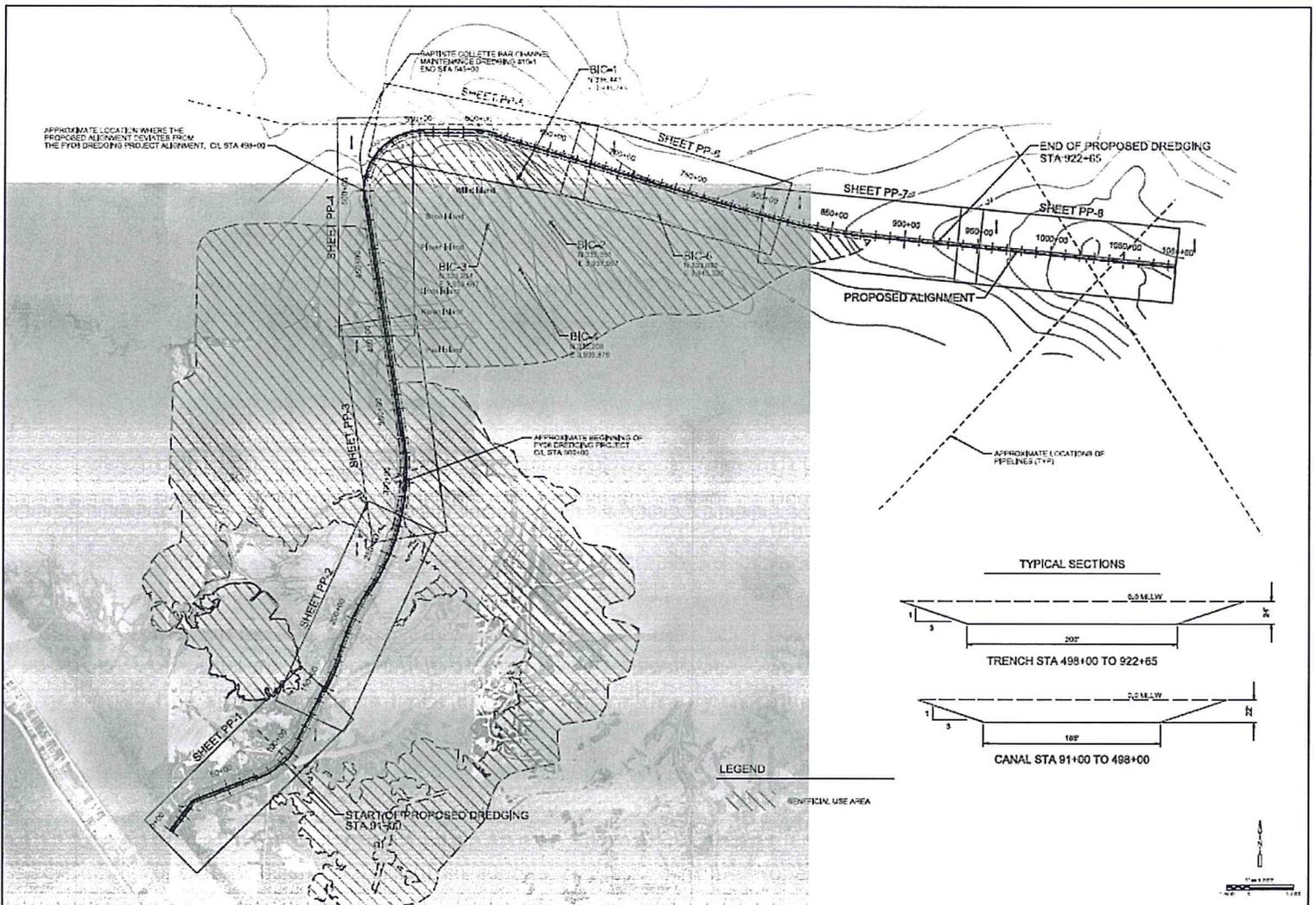


Figure 2: Baptiste Collette Alignment

RESOLUTION NO. 15-364

On motion of Council Members Barthelemy and Williams, with an unanimous second, and on roll call all members present and voting "YES, except Council Member Juneau who was "ABSENT", the following Resolution was adopted:

A Resolution supporting the Committee Resolution adopted by the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the United States Senate adopted July 20, 2005, and supporting the Section 203 Integrated Feasibility Study and Draft Environmental Assessment, Baptiste Collette Bayou Navigation Channel Deepening, submitted to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), August 31, 2015; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, the enlargement of the navigational channel in the Baptiste Collette Bayou, which is under authority of the United States Army Corps of Engineers is of National interest to promote and facilitate vessel navigation and commerce to the Gulf of Mexico and adjoining States of the United States of America; and

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WHEREAS, this *Council* would like to officially express its support of the Committee Resolution adopted by the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the United States Senate dated July 20, 2005 as well as the Section 203 Integrated Feasibility Study and Draft Environmental Assessment, Baptiste Collette Bayou Navigation Channel Deepening, submitted to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), August 31, 2015 and believes that providing for a deep water access from Venice, Louisiana to the Gulf of Mexico is a project beneficial for the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana and the United States of America;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby officially supports the Committee Resolution adopted by the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the United States Senate dated July 20, 2005 and the Section 203 Integrated Feasibility Study and Draft Environmental Assessment, Baptiste Collette Bayou Navigation Channel Deepening dated August 31, 2015 for the enlargement of the navigational channel Baptiste Collette Bayou to provide deep water access from Venice, Louisiana to the Gulf of Mexico.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the Secretary of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this Resolution and that Parish employees and officials are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Resolution, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

I hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Plaquemines Parish Council at a meeting held in the Temporary Courthouse Building, 450 F. Edward Hebert Boulevard, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, on Thursday, October 8, 2015.

Secretary