Special Police Jury Meeting, Police Jury Room June 05, 2024 Abbeville, Louisiana

Minutes of a special meeting of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury held on June 05, 2024, with Vice - President Chad Vallo presiding.

The meeting was called to order by Vice - President Chad Vallo, who asked Mr. Errol Domingues to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the pledge, the Vice - President asked Mr. Ronald Darby for a moment of prayer or reflection. The Vice - President then reminded all present to turn all cell phones, pagers, etc. off or set to silent mode for the duration of the Police Jury Meeting.

The following members were present:

Mr. Dane Hebert	Mr. Shane Meaux
Mr. Brent Landry	Mr. Ronald Darby
Ms. Liz Touchet	Mr. Roy Keith Meaux
Mr. Errol J. Domingues	Mr. Chad Lege
Mr. Ronald Menard	Mr. Scott Broussard
Mr. Dexter Callahan	Mr. Brian Hollier
Mr. Chad Vallo	

Absent: Mr. Mark Poche`

Guest: Mr. Kim Touchet Mr. Gene Sellers, Sr. Mr. Todd Vincent

Vice - President Vallo recognized a period for public comment on any agenda item to be considered.

No comments.

Vice - President Vallo recognized New Business. Need a motion to adopt resolution 2024-R-07.

Upon motion by Mr. Chad Lege, duly seconded by Mr. Dane Hebert, and unanimously carried, the Police Jury approved to adopt Resolution 2024-R-07.

<u>RESOLUTION</u> <u>2024-R-07</u>

A resolution ordering and calling special elections to be held in (i) the Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana and (ii) Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District No. 2 of the Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana, to authorize the

renewal of ad valorem taxes therein, making application to the State Bond Commission and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of (i) the Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana and (ii) Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District No. 2 of the Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana (the "Parish and District"), that:

SECTION 1. <u>Election Call.</u> Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, including Article VI, Section 32 thereof, the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, special elections are hereby called and ordered to be held in the Parish and District on **TUESDAY**, **NOVEMBER 5**, **2024**, between the hours of six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said elections there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said elections under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

PARISH OF VERMILION, STATE OF LOUISIANA PROPOSITION (TAX RENEWAL)

Shall the Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a special tax of 3.26 mills on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$1,106,600 expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of maintaining and keeping in repair the public roads and highways of the Parish?

SUB-ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 OF ROAD DISTRICT NO. 2 OF THE PARISH OF VERMILION, STATE OF LOUISIANA PROPOSITION (TAX RENEWAL)

Shall Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District No. 2 of the Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a special tax of 5.06 mills on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$416,700 expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of maintaining the roads in the District?

SECTION 2. <u>Publication of Notice of Elections</u>. A Notice of Special Elections shall be published in the official journal of the Parish and District once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the elections, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Elections, the President is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the foregoing propositions that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies.

SECTION 3. <u>Canvass</u>. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Building, 2nd Floor, 100 N. State Street, Abbeville, Louisiana, on **WEDNESDAY**, **NOVEMBER 20**, **2024**, at **FIVE-THIRTY O'CLOCK (5:30) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special elections.

SECTION 4. <u>Polling Places</u>. The polling places for the precincts set forth in the aforesaid Notice is hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said elections, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. <u>Election Commissioners; Voting Machines</u>. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special elections as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said elections for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the Parish and District will be entitled to vote at the special elections, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. <u>Authorization of Officers</u>. The Parish Administrator of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said elections, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said elections and the President and/or Parish Administrator of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the elections.

SECTION 7. <u>Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials</u>. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of Vermilion Parish and the Registrar of Voters of Vermilion Parish, as notification of the special elections, in order that each may prepare for said elections and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. <u>Application to State Bond Commission</u>. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special elections as herein provided, and in the event said elections carry for further consent and authority to continue to levy and collect the special taxes provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

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

YEAS: Mr. Dane Hebert, Mr. Shane Meaux, Mr. Brent Landry, Mr. Ronald Darby, Ms. Liz Touchet, Mr. Roy Keith Meaux, Mr. Errol J. Domingues, Mr. Chad Lege, Mr. Ronald Menard, Mr. Scott Broussard, Mr. Dexter Callahan, Mr. Brian Hollier, Mr. Chad Vallo

NAYS:

None

ABSENT:

Mr. Mark Poche'

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 5th day of June, 2024.

EXHIBIT "A"

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTIONS

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of (i) the Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana and (ii) Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District No. 2 of the Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana (the "Parish and District"), on June 5, 2024, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that special elections will be held within the Parish and District on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024, and that at the said elections there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish and District qualified and entitled to vote at the said elections under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

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Shall Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District No. 2 of the Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a special tax of 5.06 mills on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$416,700 expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of maintaining the roads in the District?

Said special election for the Parish of Vermilion will be held at each and every polling place in the Parish, which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541.

Said special election for Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District No. 2 will be held at the polling places at the following precincts which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to wit:

PRECINCTS 26A(PART) 28 29 30 31 32 34 34A 35 36A 37 38 39 40 41 42 45A(PART) 46 46B(PART) 46C 46D 46E 47(PART) 57A(PART)

The polling places at the precincts in the Parish and District are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said elections, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of the Parish of Vermilion election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$8,000.

The estimated cost of Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District No. 2 election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$3,300.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the taxes described in the Propositions shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special elections will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said

elections, as provided in this Notice of Special Elections, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Building, 2nd Floor, 100 N. State Street, Abbeville, Louisiana, on **WEDNESDAY**, **NOVEMBER 20, 2024**, at **FIVE-THIRTY O'CLOCK (5:30) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special elections. All registered voters of the Parish and District are entitled to vote at said special elections and voting machines will be used.

Upon motion by Ms. Liz Touchet, duly seconded by Mr. Errol Domingues, and unanimously carried, there being no further business to be presented, the meeting was duly adjourned.

Parish Administrator

Vice-President