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Charlotte A. Randolph, *Parish President*

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Côte Blanche Pontoon Bridge Restored to Full Operation**

The Côte Blanche Pontoon Bridge in Cut Off has been restored to full operation after repairs were completed to the bridge this week. These latest repairs became necessary after a fire on August 16 damaged the bridge control house. The damage caused by the fire prohibited the bridge from being opened using mechanical controls and had to instead be opened and closed manually using a Parish boat.

Kerry Babin, Director of Public Works, indicated that workers will continue to complete a few cosmetic repairs to the bridge control house in the coming days, but that this work would not prevent the bridge from returning to normal operation.

“I sincerely want to thank our dedicated employees who worked for so long on this project,” said Parish President Charlotte Randolph. “We just ask drivers to use caution and watch out for Parish workers when crossing the bridge.”

The bridge had initially re-opened to vehicular traffic on August 10, 2010, after being closed since January 20, 2010, for much needed repairs and upgrades to bridge’s electrical and mechanical components.

Late last week, Parish workers had also restored operation to the Cut Off Lift Bridge (*Le Pont D’Or*) which had been out of service since October 7, 2010, due to a broken shaft on the bridge motor. Corrosion on some of the electrical systems was identified as the cause of the problem. The lift span of the bridge also had to be re-balanced.

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