

On motion by Rodney Doucet, seconded by Phillip Gouaux, the following resolution was introduced and adopted;

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-033**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL AND THE BARATARIA TERREBONNE NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM TO PLAN, DESIGN, AND IMPLEMENT THE MARITIME FOREST RIDGE RESTORATION AT FOURCHON, LOUISIANA, AS DESCRIBED IN THE JUNE 2007 LOUISIANA COASTAL IMPACT ASSISTANCE PLAN; AND AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO SIGN, EXECUTE, AND ADMINISTER SAID AGREEMENT AND ANY AND ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS AND AMENDMENTS.**

**WHEREAS**, coastal erosion and wetland deterioration are serious and widespread problems affecting Louisiana's coastal zone, with coastal wetland losses of 16,000 to 20,000 acres per year; and

**WHEREAS**, using sediment in combination with vegetation has proven to be a cost-effective technique capable of preserving and restoring significant portions of Louisiana's coastal marshes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greater Lafourche Port Commission has partnered with the Barataria Terrebonne National Estuary Program, among other entities, to pump sediment into a specified area in Port Fourchon and shape said sediment into a maritime ridge to restore over sixty (60) acres of salt marsh and sixty (60) acres of forest ridge habitat; and

**WHEREAS**, the project intentions are to construct a high-elevation maritime forest ridge, construct fringe marsh at an above-sea-level elevation on either side of the maritime forest ridge, plant native vegetation to add stability and wildlife functionality to the ridge; and

**WHEREAS**, Lafourche Parish Government has submitted a grant application package which has been subject to extensive review by the offering agency, i.e.: the United States Department of the Interior Minerals Management Service (MMS); and

**WHEREAS**, this cooperative agreement would require the Barataria Terrebonne National Estuary Program to plan and implement the project with the assistance of the Lafourche Parish Coastal Impact Assistance Plan Coordinator; and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution was sponsored for Administration by Mr. Rodney Doucet, Councilman, District 9; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recommended by the Administration of the Lafourche Parish Government that the Council approve a cooperative endeavor agreement between the Lafourche Parish Council and the Barataria Terrebonne National Estuary Program for planning, designing, and implementing the Maritime Forest Ridge Restoration at Fourchon, Louisiana, as described in the June 2007 Louisiana Coastal Impact Assistance Plan; and authorize the Parish President to sign, execute, and administer said agreement(s) and amendment(s).

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Lafourche Parish Council convened in regular session on January 13, 2009, and does hereby approve a cooperative endeavor agreement between the Lafourche Parish Council and the Barataria Terrebonne National Estuary Program for planning, designing, and implementing the Maritime Forest Ridge Restoration at Fourchon, Louisiana, as described in the June, 2007 Louisiana Coastal Impact Assistance Plan; and authorizes the Parish President to sign, execute, and administer said agreement(s) and amendment(s).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Kerry St. Pé of the Barataria Terrebonne National Estuary Program at P.O. Box 2663, Thibodaux, LA 70310; the Lafourche Parish Government Department of Coastal Energy & Environment, Finance Department, and the office of the Parish Administrator.

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

<b>YEAS:</b>	Mr. Jerry Jones	Mr. Lindel Toups
	Mr. Michael Delatte	Mr. Phillip Gouaux
	Mr. Louis Richard	Mr. Rodney Doucet
	Mr. Joseph "Joe" Fertitta	Mr. Daniel Lorraine
	Mr. Matt Matherne	

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

And the resolution was declared adopted this 13th day of January, 2009.

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**JERRY JONES, CHAIRMAN  
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL**

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**CARLEEN B. BABIN, COUNCIL CLERK  
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL**

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I, CARLEEN B. BABIN, Council Clerk for the Lafourche Parish Council, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 09-033, adopted by the Assembled Council in Regular Session on January 13, 2009, at which meeting a quorum was present.

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF OFFICE THIS 26TH, DAY OF JANUARY, 2009.

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**CARLEEN B. BABIN, COUNCIL CLERK  
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL**