

On motion by Lindel Toups, seconded by Matt Matherne, the following resolution was introduced and adopted;

RESOLUTION NO. 09-061

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED DISCONTINUANCE OF LEASED OPERATIONS AND ABANDONMENT OF THE LOCKPORT BRANCH (LOUISIANA & DELTA RAILROAD (LDR) UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY) FROM MILE POST 1.7 NEAR THE CITY OF RACELAND TO MILE POST 14.2 NEAR THE CITY OF JAY, A DISTANCE OF 12.5 MILES; AND SEND THIS RESOLUTION TO ALL STATE LEGISLATORS AND CONGRESSMEN OF THIS DISTRICT AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS.

WHEREAS, Louisiana & Delta Railroad (LDR) Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) plan to request authority from the Surface Transportation Board (STB) to abandon (UP) and discontinue lease operations (LDR) on the Lockport Branch from Mile Post 1.7 near the City of Raceland to Mile Post 14.2 near the City of Jay, a distance of 12.5 (see attached map); and

WHEREAS, existing business and industry along said route would be adversely affected; and

WHEREAS, the plans of potential new businesses and industry's location and expansion in the area would also be adversely affected; and

WHEREAS, this resolution was sponsored for Administration by Mr. Lindel Toups, Councilman, District 6; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended by the Administration of the Lafourche Parish Government that the Council approves said opposition and authorizes the Parish President to sign, execute, and administer any and all relevant documents.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafourche Parish Council convened in regular session on February 10, 2009, and does hereby approve said opposition to the proposed discontinuance of leased operations and abandonment of the Lockport Branch rail line.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Union Pacific Railroad Law Department (1400 Douglas St., Stop 1580, Omaha, NE 68179); All State Legislators and Congressmen; and the Lafourche Parish Government Office of the Parish Administrator.

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

YEAS:	Mr. Jerry Jones	Mr. Lindel Toups
	Mr. Michael Delatte	Mr. Phillip Gouaux
	Mr. Joseph "Joe" Fertitta	Mr. Rodney Doucet
	Mr. Matt Matherne	Mr. Daniel Lorraine

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Louis Richard

And the resolution was declared adopted this 10th day of February, 2009.

**JERRY JONES, CHAIRMAN
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL**

**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. 09-061, adopted by the Assembled Council in Regular Session on February 10, 2009, at which meeting a quorum was present.

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF OFFICE THIS 9TH, DAY OF MARCH, 2009.

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