

On motion by Joe Fertitta, seconded by Lindel Toups, the following resolution was introduced and adopted;

RESOLUTION NO. 09-221

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DONALDSONVILLE, LOUISIANA TO THE GULF OF MEXICO LEVEE PROJECT AND ENDORSING THE GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY ALIGNMENT AS THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR LAFOURCHE PARISH.

WHEREAS, Donaldsonville, Louisiana to the Gulf of Mexico, Flood Control, Mississippi River & Tributaries, study was authorized by a resolution adopted by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives on May 6, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the project purpose is to provide flood control, navigation, wetland conservation and restoration, wildlife habitat, commercial and recreational fishing, prevent salt water intrusion and promote fresh water and sediment diversion, and other purposes in the area between Bayou Lafourche and the Mississippi River System, from Donaldsonville to the Gulf of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, several alternative levee alignments are being studied within the Donaldsonville, Louisiana to the Gulf of Mexico study to protect the area between Bayou Lafourche and the Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS, the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) Hurricane Levee Alignment which provides multiple lines of hurricane protection when combined with existing levees is one of the alternatives being considered for the Donaldsonville, Louisiana to the Gulf of Mexico flood control system; and

WHEREAS, of the alternative being considered for the Donaldsonville, Louisiana to the Gulf of Mexico Flood Control System, the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway Hurricane Levee Alignment provides the greatest level of protection for the residents of Lafourche Parish and the surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, Lafourche Parish wishes to express its support for the prompt and efficient implementation of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway Levee alignment of Donaldsonville, Louisiana to the Gulf of Mexico Hurricane Protection Project and urge other affected public agencies and elected officials within the region to also support the prompt and efficient implementation of the levee project, as a comprehensive and regional solution to a natural flood hazard; and

WHEREAS, this resolution was sponsored for Administration by Mr. Joseph Fertitta, Councilman, District 4; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafourche Parish Council convened in regular session on June 23, 2009, and does hereby support the Donaldsonville to the Gulf of Mexico Levee Project and that the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway Alignment is endorsed as the preferred alternative for Lafourche Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the United States Army Corps of Engineers; the Lafourche Parish Coastal Zone Management Office; and the Office of the Parish Administrator.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the resolution was declared adopted this 23rd day of June, 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. 09-221, adopted by the Assembled Council in Regular Session on June 23, 2009, at which meeting a quorum was present.

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF OFFICE THIS 6TH, DAY OF JULY, 2009.

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