

On motion by Michael Delatte, seconded by Jerry LaFont, the following resolution was introduced and adopted;

RESOLUTION NO. 14-165

RESOLUTION OPPOSING EXPANSION OF FEDERAL CONTROL UNDER THE CLEAN WATER ACT AND AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO SIGN, EXECUTE AND ADMINISTER ANY AND ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) have released a 371 page draft regulation for Definition of Waters of the U.S. under the Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS, both agencies are seeking a rule change to give the federal government more authority by expanding the definition of “navigable waters” in the Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS, the rule change proposed by the EPA and the Corps would subject almost all physical areas with a connection to downstream navigable waters, including features such as ditches, natural man-made ponds, and flood plains, to the jurisdiction of the Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rule change, if adopted, will cause significant harm to local farmers, stall the development of businesses, and negatively impact parish-owned and maintained infrastructure such as roadside ditches and flood-control channels; and

WHEREAS, the rule change could also affect Section 402 national Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program, Section 303 Water Quality Standards (WQS) Program, and other programs such as Storm Water, Pesticide Permits and Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Standards; and

WHEREAS, the cost for parish government, municipalities and taxpayers would be enormous due to the increased number of Section 404 Permits required to complete a project; and

WHEREAS, this resolution was sponsored for Administration by Mr. Michael Delatte, Councilman, District 2; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended by the Administration of the Lafourche Parish Government that the Council hereby strongly opposes the expansion of federal control under the Clean Water Act 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 June 24, 2014, and does hereby oppose the expansion of federal control under the Clean Water Act and authorizes the Parish President to sign, execute and administer any and all relevant documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency; the Army Corps of Engineers; the National Association of Counties; Governor Bobby Jindal; all Louisiana State Representatives and Senators;

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. Michael Delatte
Mr. Aaron Caillouet
Mr. Joseph "Joe" Fertitta
Mr. John Arnold
Mr. Lindel Toups
Mr. Jerry LaFont
Mr. Daniel Lorraine
Mr. Phillip Gouaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the resolution was declared adopted this 24th day of June, 2014.

**DANIEL LORRAINE, 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. 14-165, adopted by the Assembled Council in Regular Session on June 24, 2014, at which meeting a quorum was present.

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF OFFICE THIS 1ST DAY OF JULY, 2014.

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