

On motion by Michael Delatte, seconded by Joe Fertitta, the following resolution was introduced and adopted;

RESOLUTION NO. 14-273

RESOLUTION APPROVING A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN LAFOURCHE PARISH GOVERNMENT AND NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY FOR LSBDC GNOBR SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,500.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO SIGN, EXECUTE, AND ADMINISTER SAID AGREEMENT AND ANY AND ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS.

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14 of the Louisiana Constitution provides that “For a public purpose, the state and its political subdivisions or political corporations may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its agencies, or with any public or private association, corporation or individual”; and

WHEREAS, Nicholls State University intends to assist businesses in Lafourche Parish through the facilitation of the Louisiana Small Business Development Center Greater New Orleans and Bayou Region (LSBDC GNOBR); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this agreement is to promote economic development programs to stimulate private investment in Lafourche Parish by providing technical assistance to small businesses and citizens wishing to start or expand small businesses in Lafourche Parish as they grow into sustainable business entities; and

WHEREAS, such technical assistance will include but not be limited to access to capital and loan packaging, business strategy and business planning, assistance in marketing and management, accounting, contracting and procurement, international trade, disaster preparedness and continuity planning; 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 approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Lafourche Parish Government and Nicholls State University for LSBDC GNOBR Services in the amount of \$37,500.00 and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute, and administer said agreement and any and all relevant documents.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafourche Parish Council convened in regular session on September 23, 2014, and does hereby approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Lafourche Parish Government and Nicholls State University for LSBDC GNOBR Services in the amount of \$37,500.00 and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute, and administer said agreement and any and all relevant documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Nicholls State University, Attn: Bruce Murphy, P.O. Box 2083, Thibodaux, LA 70301; Department of Grants and Economic Development; Department of Finance, 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. Aaron Caillouet
Mr. Joseph "Joe" Fertitta
Mr. Lindel Toups
Mr. Jerry LaFont
Mr. Daniel Lorraine
Mr. Phillip Gouaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. John Arnold

And the resolution was declared adopted this 23rd day of September, 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. 14-273, adopted by the Assembled Council in Regular Session on September 23, 2014, at which meeting a quorum was present.

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF OFFICE THIS 29TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2014.

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