

On motion by John Arnold, seconded by Michael Delatte, the following resolution was introduced and adopted;

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-317**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE RETENTION OF ATTORNEY MICHAEL GEE OF THE PORTEOUS, HAINKEL AND JOHNSON LAW FIRM, AT HOURLY RATES PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THIS COUNCIL TO PRESERVE THE PARISH'S LEGAL RIGHTS IN SEEKING RECOVERY OF ALL LOSSES AND COSTS RESULTING FROM NEGLIGENCE BY THE PROJECT'S CONTRACTOR AT A PARISH OWNED FACILITY DURING A CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN 2013 AND 2014 AND AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO SIGN, EXECUTE AND ADMINISTER ANY AND ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS.**

**WHEREAS**, Michael Gee of the Porteous, Hainkel and Johnson Law Firm has been previously approved as special legal counsel to handle legal matters for Lafourche Parish Government (Resolution No. 14-043, February 25, 2014) and Attorney General approval on June 04, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, during the duration of the Capital Project, multiple acts of negligence were committed by the Contractor awarded this project, resulting in losses and costs having to be incurred by Lafourche Parish Government; and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution was sponsored for Administration by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, Councilman, District 7; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recommended by the Administration of the Lafourche Parish Government that the Council approve and authorize the retention of attorney Michael Gee of the Porteous, Hainkel and Johnson Law Firm, at hourly rates previously approved by this Council to preserve the Parish's legal rights in seeking recovery of all losses and costs resulting from negligence by the project's contractor at a Parish owned facility during a Capital construction project in 2013 and 2014 and authorizing 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 November 11, 2014, and does hereby approve and authorize the retention of attorney Michael Gee of the Porteous, Hainkel and Johnson Law Firm, at hourly rates previously approved by this Council to preserve the Parish's legal rights in seeking recovery of all losses and costs resulting from negligence by the project's contractor at a Parish owned facility during a Capital construction project in 2013 and 2014 and authorizing 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: Michael Gee, 211 West Fifth Street, Thibodaux, Louisiana 70301-3199, Lafourche Parish Government Office of Risk Management, 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. John Arnold  
Mr. Lindel Toups  
Mr. Jerry LaFont  
Mr. Phillip Gouaux

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Mr. Daniel Lorraine

And the resolution was declared adopted this 11th day of November, 2014.

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**DANIEL LORRAINE, 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. 14-317, adopted by the Assembled Council in Regular Session on November 11, 2014, at which meeting a quorum was present.

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF OFFICE THIS 12TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2014.

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