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EXTRACT OF THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF ST. BERNARD, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE ST. BERNARD PARISH GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, 8201 WEST JUDGE PEREZ DRIVE, CHALMETTE, LOUISIANA ON TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2020 AT THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Everhardt, it was moved to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION SBPC #2065-07-20

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING A LETTER TO THE US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT OPPOSING THE SCOPING MEETINGS FOR THE MID BRETON SEDIMENT DIVERSION PROJECT BEING HELD SOLELY IN A VIRTUAL FORMAT.

WHEREAS, the US Corps of Engineers has announced that scoping meetings for the Mid Breton Sediment Diversion Project for July 14, 15, and 16, 2020 will be held in virtual format only, and;

WHEREAS, it is the belief of the St. Bernard Parish Council that the proposed large scale diversion will have detrimental effects on its economy, and that of its citizens, and;

WHEREAS, it is the belief of the St. Bernard Parish Council that meetings being limited to solely virtual format unfairly discriminates against many of the stakeholders who do not have the ability to participate virtually.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the St. Bernard Parish Council does hereby endorse the attached letter (Exhibit "A") to be submitted to the US Corps of Engineers opposing the scoping meetings for the Mid Breton Sediment Diversion project being held solely in a virtual format.

The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereupon resulted as follows:

YEAS: Moran, Luna, Alcon, Everhardt, Lewis

NAYS: None

ABSENT: McCloskey

The Council Chair, Ms. Callais, cast her vote as **YEA**.

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 21st day of July, 2020.



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CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a motion adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Parish of St. Bernard, held at Chalmette, Louisiana, on Tuesday, July 21, 2020.

Witness my hand and the seal
of the Parish of St. Bernard on
this 21st day of July, 2020.


JENNIFER L. IMBRAGUGLIO
DEPUTY CLERK OF COUNCIL



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July 7, 2020

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT
Attn: Brad Laborde/Jeff Varisco
7400 Leake Ave
New Orleans, LA 70118-3651

To whom it may concern:

I am writing today in regards to a public notice that we received scheduling the scoping meetings for the Mid Breton Sediment diversions. According to the notice the three planned meetings will be held on July 14, 15, and 16, and will all be held only in a virtual format. While I understand the unprecedented times that we are currently faced with, this is of grave concern to us as the governing authority of St. Bernard Parish. Our citizens, along those of Plaquemines Parish, will bear the brunt of the negative consequences that the proposed diversions will cause. These damages will be irreparable to our commercial and recreational fishermen, our parish economy, and the culture and heritage that makes our parish the unparalleled community that we love.

I understand that identifying these issues is part of why the Corps is holding these meetings. The St. Bernard Parish Council thanks you for your work in that endeavor and anxiously awaits the results of your findings. However, nothing is more important in that process than hearing the intrinsic knowledge of those who have spent their entire lives on the land and waters being affected by the proposed project. Unfortunately, many of these stakeholders do not have the access or technical knowledge to participate virtually. This will unfairly limit the ability of many concerned citizens to participate in the process.

I also understand the complexity of having a public meeting and ensuring public safety. If the Corps does not feel that it can hold these meetings publicly with respect to the current state guidelines, then I respectfully request that the scoping meetings be postponed until such a time that a public meeting can be held. Allowing for an in person meeting is the only way to ensure that the voices of ALL of the affected stakeholders can be heard. Given the gravity of this issue, as well as the guidelines set forth



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in Executive Order 12898 of the NEPA process, The St. Bernard Parish Council, as the governing body of the Parish of St. Bernard, formally objects to scoping meetings being held solely in a virtual manner. If there is anything that St. Bernard Parish can assist with this process, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your consideration,



Kerri Callais
At-Large-East



Richard "Richie" Lewis
At-Large-West



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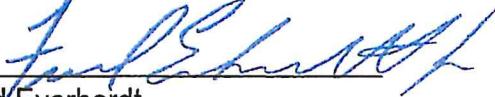
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