



St. Bernard Parish Council

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#16

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, APRIL 20, 2021 AT THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

On joint motion of the Chair, without objection and by unanimous consent, it was moved to **adopt** the following resolution:

RESOLUTION SBPC #2124-04-21

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED MID-BARATARIA SEDIMENT DIVERSION PROJECT.

WHEREAS, The Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority is proposing the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion Project; and,

WHEREAS, water, and the wildlife that inhabits it, does not respect parish boundaries, any project effecting Plaquemines water quality and estuaries will have similar impact on the waters and related businesses of St. Bernard Parish; and,

WHEREAS, while the loss of coastal wetlands is a valid concern, the resolution or remediation of that problem must avoid ancillary damages to the people and wildlife of Plaquemines and St. Bernard Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the Environmental Impact Statement related to the current proposed Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion Project indicates that the project will do permanent harm to the wildlife of Plaquemines and St. Bernard Parish and their respective seafood industries; and,

WHEREAS, the seafood industry of Plaquemines and St. Bernard Parish are central to their respective economies, culture, and heritage; and,

WHEREAS, the environmental remediation efforts related to the potential harm caused by the current proposed Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion Project is insufficient; and,

WHEREAS, the potential benefits in the minimal land development that is predicted are far outweighed by the unremediated damage that the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion Project will cause to the people and wildlife of Plaquemines and St. Bernard Parish; and,



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Richard "Richie" Lewis
*Councilmember
at Large*

WHEREAS, the long term damage caused by the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion Project to the wildlife and fisheries of Plaquemines and St. Bernard Parish will destroy the livelihood of countless local businesses and people; and,

Gillis McCloskey
*Councilmember
District A*

WHEREAS, the destruction of those livelihoods will lead to the loss of the St. Bernard tax revenues that are used to fund vital services to the people of St. Bernard Parish.

Joshua "Josh" Moran
*Councilmember
District B*

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Bernard Parish Council, the Governing Authority, opposes the proposed Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be forwarded to all of the following:

- Governor John Bel Edwards
- The Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority
- The House Natural Resources and Environment Committee
- The Senate Natural Resource Committee
- Representative Mack Cormier, Representative Ray Garofalo, Senator Sharon Hewitt, Senator Joseph Bouie and Senator Troy Carter
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Brad Laborde

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

YEAS: McCloskey, Moran, Luna, Alcon, Everhardt, Callais

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Council Chair, Mr. Lewis, cast his vote as **YEA**.

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 20th day of April, 2021.



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Wanda Alcon
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Fred Everhardt, Jr.
*Councilmember
District E*

Roxanne Adams
Clerk of Council

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, April 20, 2021.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Parish of St. Bernard on this 20th day of April, 2021.


ROXANNE ADAMS
CLERK OF COUNCIL



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Guy McInnis
Parish President

April 21, 2021

At its April 20, 2021 regularly scheduled council meeting, the St. Bernard Parish Council unanimously approved Resolution SBPC #2124-04-21, "A Resolution opposing the proposed Mid- Barataria Sediment Diversion project". As Parish President, I join with the council in objecting to this proposed project. As the draft Environmental Impact Statement from the US Army Corps of Engineers confirms, this project will do irreparable harm to the wildlife and estuaries of St. Bernard and Plaquemines Parish, and therefore to our respective seafood and tourism industries. We respectfully request alternative projects be considered to rebuild our all-important coastlines in St. Bernard Parish, while preserving our economy, culture, and heritage.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Guy McInnis".

Guy McInnis
Parish President
St. Bernard Parish