



# *St. Bernard Parish Council*

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**#11**

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, MAY 4, 2021 AT SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

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

## **RESOLUTION SBPC #2132-05-21**

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY OPPOSING SENATE BILL NO. 226, A MEASURE THAT SEEKS TO CREATE AND ESTABLISH THE SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA TAXING DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZES THE LEVY OF A SALES AND USE TAX TO REIMBURSE THE STATE FOR THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE HURRICANE AND STORM DAMAGE RISK REDUCTION SYSTEM (HSDRRS) INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS.

**WHEREAS**, following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, the United States Congress authorized the construction of the HSDRRS, a 100-year level risk reduction system, including levees, floodwalls, pumping stations, and canal closure structures; and,

**WHEREAS**, projects implemented from this system, though located in parishes in southeast Louisiana, provided protection to entire State of Louisiana, as such, the burden of the costs associated with this system should remain the responsibility of the State, as originally agreed upon, and should not be shifted to the constituents and businesses; and,

**WHEREAS**, upon authorization from Congress, the State of Louisiana contractually obligated to a cost-share for HSDRRS in the approximate amount of \$1.2 billion plus interest; and,

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the efforts of Congressmen Garret Graves, Cedric Richmond, and Steve Scalise, the State was able to secure language in the 2020 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) that allows the State to save over \$600 million in accrued interest plus more than \$800 million in future interest that would have otherwise been due on the system if left unaddressed; and,

**WHEREAS**, the State of Louisiana, the proper party and legally obligated entity, should absorb the costs associated with the system, not the five parishes (Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, St. Charles, and Plaquemines) in which structures of the systems are located; and,

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**WHEREAS**, the Parish Council and Parish President are in opposition of Senate Bill No. 226 which essentially shift the burden of the costs of a system that provides long term protection for the assets of an entire State to the families and businesses of the southeast parishes; and,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the St. Bernard Parish Council, the Governing Authority, does hereby strongly oppose Senate Bill No. 226, a measure that seeks to create and establish the Southeast Louisiana Taxing District and authorizes the levy of a sales and use tax to reimburse the state for the costs associated with the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS) infrastructure improvements.

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

- Governor John Bel Edwards
- Representative Ray Garofalo,
- Senator Sharon Hewitt
- Senator Joseph Bouie
- State Senate President Patrick Page Cortez
- Speaker of the House of Representatives Clay Schexnayder

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 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.



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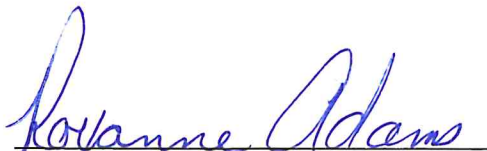
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## CERTIFICATE

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, May 4, 2021.

Witness my hand and the seal  
of the Parish of St. Bernard on  
this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

  
ROXANNE ADAMS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL