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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, MARCH 7, 2017 AT SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

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

RESOLUTION SBPC #1697-03-17

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE'S COASTAL ECOSYSTEM RESILIENCY GRANTS PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$172,334.00 FOR THE ST. BERNARD PARISH BLACK MANGROVE PLANTING PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), a division of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, has established the Coastal Ecosystem Resiliency Program to build resilience for coastal ecosystems and communities in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the NMFS has designed this grant program to invest in habitat restoration and ecosystem resiliency projects that will reduce risks posed to coastal communities from extreme weather events, changing environmental conditions, and known or potential climate change impacts; and

WHEREAS, NMFS has announced the availability nationally of up to \$15 million in 2017 for Coastal Ecosystem Resiliency Project grant awards that implement habitat restoration actions from non-federal partners; and

WHEREAS, St. Bernard Parish is eligible to apply for this funding assistance; and

WHEREAS, St. Bernard Parish Coastal Operations staff, working in cooperation with the St. Bernard Parish Coastal Zone Advisory Committee, has developed a project to implement a large scale planting of black mangroves on the northeastern outlying islands of Biloxi Marsh; and

WHEREAS, the St. Bernard Parish Black Mangrove Planting Program would meet the goals of the NMFS program and serve a number of valuable functions including filtering and trapping sediment; cleansing excess nutrients and



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pollutants; reducing wave energy; providing nursery habitat for crustaceans and fish; providing food for young marine life; and providing nesting habitat for birds.

WHEREAS, the proposed total cost of this project is \$258,500.00 with \$172,334.00 to be supplied by the grant program, if funded, and \$86,166.00 to be supplied over three years from local funding sources including in-kind services and donations of materials and other contributions from a number of public agency and private businesses who have already expressed an interest in participating in the program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Bernard Parish Council, does hereby authorize the submission of a grant application to National Marine Fisheries Service for the St. Bernard Parish Black Mangrove Planting Program in the amount \$172,334.00 (\$258,500.00 total project cost; \$86,166.00 local match over 3 years to include in-kind services and donations from outside groups); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the St. Bernard Parish Council does hereby authorize the President of St. Bernard Parish Government to sign and submit all required grant applications, Cooperative Endeavor Agreements and any amendments thereof, and all of the necessary reports, assurances, contracts and any other documents required in connection with the Coastal Ecosystem Resiliency Grants Program.

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

YEAS: McCloskey, Gorbaty, Luna, Alcon, Montelongo, Callais

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 7th day of March, 2017.



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C E R T I F I C A T E

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, March 7, 2017

Witness my hand and the seal
of the Parish of St. Bernard on
this 7th day of March, 2017.

ROXANNE ADAMS
CLERK OF COUNCIL