

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-3708

COUNCIL SPONSOR: BINDER/BRISTER

PROVIDED BY: GRANTS

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AND AUTHORIZE THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO SIGN AND/OR EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA REGARDING COORDINATION OF THE COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION, AND RESTORATION ACT (CWPPRA) BAYOU BONFOUCA MARSH CREATION PROJECT (PO-104) AND THE PARISH'S NORTHSHORE BEACH MARSH CREATION/RESTORATION COASTAL IMPACT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CIAP) PROJECT.

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish Government (STPG) has been allocated \$ 1,871,694.46 in CIAP funds for the engineering, design, permitting, acquisition of land rights, bidding, construction, supervision and inspection of construction and construction administration of the Northshore Beach Marsh Creation/Restoration Project as part of the amended Louisiana Coastal Impact Assistance Plan - Version 4 approved by FWS on Marsh 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) Board for the State of Louisiana has received approval to design and construct the Bayou Bonfouca Marsh Creation Project as part of the CWPPRA Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the Bayou Bonfouca Marsh Creation Project is located in the same area of the Northshore Beach and Marsh Creation/Restoration Project in St. Tammany Parish and STPG desires to participate with the Federal and State governments throughout construction; and

WHEREAS, this area is located in open water areas along the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain, near the community of Northshore Beach, east of the mouth of Bayou Liberty and south of Slidell and contributes to the integrity of the Lake Pontchartrain and Lake Borgne system; and

WHEREAS, over 3,600 acres of marsh on the north shore have been lost over the past 50 years and it is estimated that between 600 to 900 acres of intermediate marsh were lost from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005 alone. In order to address the adverse habitat and water quality impacts from Hurricane Katrina, it is imperative that marsh restoration occur as quickly as possible.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES to support and authorize the Parish President to sign and/or execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Louisiana through the CPRA Board for the coordination of the CWPPRA Bayou Bonfouca Marsh Creation Project and the Parish's Northshore Beach Marsh Creation/Restoration CIAP Project.

THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: _____ SECONDED BY: _____

YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED ON THE 2 DAY OF MAY , 2013, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

JERRY BINDER, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

THERESA L. FORD, COUNCIL CLERK

Administrative Comment

St. Tammany Parish Government has been allocated \$1,871,694.46 under CIAP and will enter into an agreement with the State of Louisiana, CPRA, for the coordination of the Bayou Bonfouca Marsh Creation Project and the Parish's Northshore Beach Marsh Creation/Restoration Project. The combined project will result in the creation of 638 acres of marsh with a total project cost of \$28M.