

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-4665

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PROVIDED BY: LEGAL DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO OBTAIN SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR COMPLEX LITIGATION CONCERNING COASTAL LAND LOSS CLAIMS, REMEDIATION, RESTORATION AND RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish Government recognizes the necessity to retain special counsel to take direct responsibility to handle specific legal matters; and

WHEREAS, Section 4-03(B) of the St. Tammany Parish Home Rule Charter authorizes St. Tammany Parish Government to retain special legal counsel upon approval by the St. Tammany Parish Council; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens, property and natural resources of St. Tammany Parish, it is imperative to have special counsel with experience in the areas of complex litigation concerning coastal land loss litigation, remediation, restoration and related matters to ensure that the best interests of the Parish and its citizens are served; and

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish Government recommends the appointment of E. John Litchfield of Berrigan Litchfield, LLC, and associated attorneys, firms and paralegals, as counsel in the aforementioned matters. Mr. Litchfield is an experienced attorney, with the requisite experience to render special counsel services and represent the Parish, its employees and Parish's interests regarding the aforementioned matters; and

WHEREAS, as are required for experience, knowledge and expertise, and at no additional cost or expense to St. Tammany Parish, the aforementioned counsel may choose to associate or retain any additional legal counsel in the aforementioned matters, including, but not limited to, Huber, Slack, Thomas & Marcelle, LLP; Sher Garner Cahill Richter Klein & Hilbert, LLC; Jones Swanson Huddell & Garrison, LLC; Veron Bice Palermo & Wilson, LLC; Fishman Haygood, LLP, and associated attorneys, firms and paralegals at no additional cost or exposure to St. Tammany Parish.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel in the areas of complex litigation concerning coastal land loss litigation, remediation, restoration and related matters, and, therefore, the St. Tammany Parish Council authorizes, ratifies and approves the employment of E. John Litchfield of Berrigan Litchfield, LLC, and associated attorneys and paralegals, as special counsel for St. Tammany Parish and its employees, where applicable. The compensation authorized to be paid shall be on a contingency basis through a retainer agreement., and E, John Litchfield shall serve as liaison between the Parish of St. Tammany and the other special counsels.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that E. John Litchfield of Berrigan Litchfield, LLC, and associated attorneys and paralegals, are authorized to conduct due diligence as to any claim or claims St. Tammany Parish may have as related to the subject matters and fully pursue said claim(s) on behalf of St. Tammany Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that E. John Litchfield of Berrigan Litchfield, LLC, and associated attorneys and paralegals, as are required for experience, knowledge and expertise, and at no additional cost or expense to St. Tammany Parish, may associate or retain any additional counsel in the aforementioned matters, including, but not limited to, Huber, Slack, Thomas & Marcelle, LLP; Sher Garner Cahill Richter Klein & Hilbert, LLC; Jones Swanson Huddell & Garrison, LLC; Veron Bice Palermo & Wilson, LLC; Fishman Haygood, LLP, and associated attorneys, firms and paralegals.

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 1 DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2016,  
AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING  
PRESENT AND VOTING.

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MARTY DEAN, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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THERESA L. FORD, COUNCIL CLERK