

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025
PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

The Parish Council of Iberville Parish, State of Louisiana, held a Public Hearing in the Council Meeting Room, 58050 Meriam Street, Plaquemine, Louisiana, on the 18th day of February, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. pursuant to a Notice of Public Hearing published on the 20th day of January, 2025 in The Advocate and posted on the Iberville Parish website.

The Council Chairman, Steve C. Smith, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the roll call with the following Council Members in attendance: Shalanda L. Allen, District 1; Chasity B. Easley; District 2; Thomas E. Dominique, Sr., District 3; Freddie Frazier, Sr., District 4; Steve C. Smith District 5; Raheem T. Pierce, District 6; Nadia Jenkins, District 7; Chasity Martinez, District 10; Charles Dardenne, District 11; Matthew H. Jewell, District 12.

Absent: Markins, Bradford, Morgan.

Chief Administrative Officer- Dwayne Boudreaux, Chief Operating Officer- Randall Dunn, and Legal Counsel- Scott Stassi were also in attendance.

Chief Administrative Officer- Dwayne Boudreaux, read the following ordinance in entirety.

ORDINANCE 1 ORDINANCE TO AMEND IPC ORDINANCE #013-24 RESTRICT THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF IBERVILLE PARISH

ORDINANCE 2 ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2025 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF THE WHITE CASTLE BOAT LANDING PROPERTY FROM THE ELLA LEBLANC CO. LLC

The floor was opened to comments and questions. There was no opposition to this ordinance from the public.

There being no further business to be conducted, the hearing was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

/s/ MACY W. OURSO
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ STEVE C. SMITH
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025**

The Parish Council of Iberville Parish, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session, in the Council Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Courthouse Building, 58050 Meriam Street, Plaquemine, Louisiana, on the 18th day of February, 2025.

The Council Chairman, Steve C. Smith, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the roll call with the following Council Members in attendance: Shalanda L. Allen, District 1; Chasity B. Easley; District 2; Thomas E. Dominique, Sr., District 3; Freddie Frazier, Sr., District 4; Steve C. Smith District 5; Raheem T. Pierce, District 6; Nadia Jenkins, District 7; Hunter S. Markins, District 8; Terry J. Bradford, District 9; Chasity Martinez, District 10; Charles Dardenne, District 11; Matthew H. Jewell, District 12.

Absent: Morgan.

Parish President- Chris Daigle, Chief Administrative Officer- Dwayne Boudreaux, and Legal Counsel- Scott Stassi was also in attendance.

A quorum was present and due notice had been posted and published in The Advocate newspaper on the 13th day of February, 2025. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Council Chairman Smith called for anyone wanting to make public comments to register with the Clerk.

ADDENDUM

A) None.

PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

A) None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Jenkins, and seconded by Councilman Dardenne, it was moved to wave the reading of the minutes of January 20, 2025 and approve as written. The motion having been duly submitted to a vote was duly adopted by the following yea and nay votes on roll call:

YEAS: Allen, Easley, Dominique, Frazier, Pierce, Jenkins, Markins, Bradford, Martinez, Dardenne, Jewell.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Morgan.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Daigle reported on the following:

- President Daigle started with recognizing Josh Hall for 10 years of service to Iberville Parish.
- He gave the Council a copy of the 2024 annual report that will be mailed to every resident in Iberville Parish, it shows the public some of the important events that took place in 2024 as well as the ordinances that were passed in 2024.
- The Bayou Pigeon Boat Landing is expected to be finished by the end of 2025. The HWY 1 North project is out for bid, and the Parish has turned in a permit to Union Pacific to clean up the area on LA 1 along the railroad tracks.
- He stated that on March 18 is the annual Chamber Luncheon, March 26 is the Geaux Jobs event at the Civic Center, on March 28 the Gray Monkey Parade will be hosted at the Belleview Park, on April 5 is the Swamp Life Expo, and April 12 is the 'Keep Iberville Beautiful' Day Clean-up Day.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director, Randall Dunn stated that the council received their budget to actual financial statements. He had nothing else to report.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE IPC# 002-25

ORDINANCE TO AMEND IPC ORDINANCE #013-24 RESTRICT THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF IBERVILLE PARISH

WHEREAS, there is a need to restrict the discharge of firearms in certain inhabited areas of the Parish in order to protect the health, safety and general welfare of all residents and individuals located within the Parish of Iberville;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL that for purposes of this Ordinance the term “firearm” shall mean and include any pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun or any other weapon or device from which a shot is discharged by an explosive or compressed air.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that it shall be unlawful for any person to fire, shoot or discharge any firearm within the territorial limits of subdivisions, mobile home parks, residences, business’ or other public facilities or within one-hundred (200) feet thereof.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this prohibition shall not apply as follows:

- (1) To sheriffs and their deputies, state and city police, agents of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries of the State of Louisiana, constables and town marshals, or other persons vested with police power when in the actual discharge of their official duties.
- (2) Where the shooting is justified as that term is defined under the provisions of R.S. 14:19 et seq., or other applicable provisions of state law.
- (3) To the activities of duly accredited courses and/or programs approved by the state in connection with its offering of a formal firearms education and safety program or courses of study as part of its curriculum.
- (4) To shooting of such weapons at an approved firing range. The term “approved firing range,” as used herein, means one whose use has been specifically approved by the Iberville Parish Council. Use of such ranges shall be subject to any conditions imposed by the Council after having given due consideration to the physical location, construction and makeup of such range.
- (5) To shooting of such weapons on land which is primarily utilized for hunting, hunting clubs and/or official hunting areas.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this prohibition shall not affect the discharge of firearms within 100 hundred 100 feet of an owner’s dwelling by the owner thereof if there is no other inhabited dwelling, business or public facility within 200 hundred feet of the place of discharge of said firearm;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof by a court of competent jurisdiction shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or imprisoned in the parish jail for not more than six (6) months, or both;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that in addition to all other penalties, the court may order the firearm which has been discharged in violation of the terms of this section confiscated and destroyed or forfeited to the Iberville Parish Sheriff’s Office.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED should any part of this ordinance be declared null, void, invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, the remainder of the said ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

This ordinance shall become effective on this the 18th day of February, 2025.

The foregoing ordinance which was previously introduced at the meeting of the Iberville Parish Council on January 20, 2025 and a copy thereof having been published in the official journal on January 28, 2025 the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 18th day of February, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Meeting Room, 58050 Meriam Street, Plaquemine, Louisiana, was brought up for final passage with a motion by Councilman Bradford, and seconded by Councilman Markins, having been duly submitted to a vote, the ordinance was duly adopted by the following yea and nay vote on roll call:

YEAS: Allen, Easley, Dominique, Frazier, Pierce, Jenkins, Markins, Bradford, Martinez,
Dardenne, Jewell.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Morgan.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 18th day of February, 2025.

ORDINANCE IPC# 003-25

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2025 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF THE WHITE CASTLE BOAT LANDING PROPERTY FROM THE ELLA LEBLANC CO. LLC

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Council has identified the need to purchase the White Castle Landing Property located at New Camp Rd. and Hwy 993 for public use and enhancement of community resources; and

WHEREAS, the Ella Leblanc Co LLC is willing to sell said property to Iberville Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Council deems it necessary to allocate funds for this purchase;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Iberville Parish Council that the 2025 General Fund Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1: Amendment to General Fund Account 001, General Government Function 5851, Marina Boat Landings Cost Center Account 7100, Acquisition of Land General Ledger Code 561000

An additional amount of Eighty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$87,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to authorize the purchase of the White Castle Landing Property at the intersection of New Camp Road and LA-993 legally described as *A portion of a 159-13-acre Tract in NE Quarter of Section 21, R12E, White Castle, Iberville Parish, Louisiana* from the Ella Leblanc Co LLC.

Section 2: The Parish President is authorized to execute all documents necessary to effectuate this purchase.

The foregoing ordinance which was previously introduced at the meeting of the Iberville Parish Council on January 20, 2025 and a copy thereof having been published in the official journal on January 28, 2025 the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 18th day of February, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Meeting Room, 58050 Meriam Street, Plaquemine, Louisiana, was brought up for final passage with a motion by Councilman Markins, and seconded by Councilwoman Martinez, having been duly submitted to a vote, the ordinance was duly adopted by the following yea and nay vote on roll call:

YEAS: Allen, Easley, Dominique, Frazier, Pierce, Jenkins, Markins, Bradford, Martinez,
Dardenne, Jewell.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Morgan.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 18th day of February, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS

A) Introduction of Ordinances

1. Ordinance to Amend the 2025 Capital Improvement Budget to accept grant funding from the US Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)

Upon a motion by Councilman Bradford, seconded by Councilman Markins it was moved that a public hearing be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. on the introduced ordinance.

The motion having been duly submitted to a vote, was duly adopted by the following ye and nay votes on roll call:

YEAS: Allen, Easley, Dominique, Frazier, Pierce, Jenkins, Markins, Bradford, Martinez, Dardenne, Jewell.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Morgan.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman on February 18, 2025.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Resolution Committee met on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 6:15 p.m., followed by the roll call with the following Resolution Committee Members only in attendance: Jewell, Dardenne, Pierce, Jenkins, Martinez, Frazier, Dominique.

Absent: Markins, Morgan.

The following resolution was read aloud by Mr. Dunn:

- A) Resolution authorizing a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) between Iberville Parish and Entergy Louisiana, LLC agreeing to cooperate in applying to FEMA for Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant Funds and detailing Parish obligations should grant be awarded by FEMA
- B) Resolution of the Iberville Parish Council in support of the Atchafalaya Basin Management Plan to be presented to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) on or before February 28, 2025
 - Dean Wilson, representing the Atchafalaya Basin Keepers, came before the Council to give brief explanation of that plan that will be presented to the CPRA. He stated that it is important for their plan is to address the concerns of flood protection, protecting the wetlands, and coastal restoration. Four other parishes have already or will be submitting similar resolutions of support of the presented plan. He thanked the Council for their support.
- C) Resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith
- D) Resolution authorizing the purchase of natural gas from the Louisiana Municipal Natural Gas Purchasing and Distribution Authority, d/b/a Louisiana Municipal Gas Authority (LMGA); approving the execution and delivery of a gas sales contract and other documents relating to said purchase; approving the execution and delivery of a north American Energy Standards board contract for the sale and purchase of natural gas (NAESB Contract) for the sale of said gas; consenting to the assignment of certain rights and obligations under the gas sales contract and NAESB contract in connection with the issuance of bonds by the Black Belt Energy Gas District; approving the execution of an amendment to the existing supply and management agreement between LMGA and Iberville Parish; and addressing related matters

Councilman Jewell made a recommendation to forward the resolution to the regular meeting, seconded by Councilman Pierce. The recommendation having been duly submitted to a vote was duly adopted by the following ye and nay votes on roll call by Resolution Committee Members only:

YEAS: Jewell, Dardenne, Pierce, Jenkins, Martinez, Frazier, Dominique.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Markins, Morgan.

During the Regular Meeting:

RESOLUTION IPC# 2025-008

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT (“CEA”) BETWEEN IBERVILLE PARISH AND ENTERGY LOUISIANA, LLC AGREEING TO COOPERATE IN APPLYING TO FEMA FOR BUILDING RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITIES (“BRIC”) GRANT FUNDS AND DETAILING PARISH OBLIGATIONS SHOULD GRANT BE AWARDED BY FEMA

WHEREAS, Art. VII, Sec. 14(C) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 provides that “for a public purpose, the State and its political subdivisions may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its agencies, or with any public or private company, corporation, or individual”; and

WHEREAS, Iberville Parish is authorized by Section 1-06 A of the Iberville Parish Home Rule Charter to enter into joint service agreements or cooperative efforts with other governmental agencies, political subdivisions, or with any public or private association, corporation or individual, for a public purpose.

WHEREAS, Iberville Parish (“Parish”) desires improved public infrastructure as well as the design and construction of an Emergency Operation Center Safe Room (“Safe Room Project”) within the Parish; and

WHEREAS, Entergy Louisiana, LLC, (“Entergy”) as owner of the primary power source in the Parish, wishes to mitigate and harden the power infrastructure (“Entergy Project”) in Iberville Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (“BRIC”) grant, through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”), if awarded, provides funds to reduce hazard risk by building capability and capacity through innovation; and

WHEREAS, the Parish, by way of this Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (“CEA”) agrees to apply for BRIC funds, in concert with Entergy, and upon award, seek the Iberville Parish Council approval to accept the award and appropriate the matching dollars required by the BRIC grant, for the design and construction of the Safe Room Project only; and

WHEREAS, Entergy, by way of this Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (“CEA”) agrees to write and assemble the BRIC application for both the Safe Room and the Entergy Project, with input from the Parish; and, upon award, provide matching dollars required by the BRIC grant for the power infrastructure mitigation in the Entergy Project only; and

WHEREAS, if BRIC funds are awarded to and accepted by the Parish as a result of the application with Entergy, the Parish shall administer BRIC grant funds, via reimbursement request, to Entergy for qualifying Entergy Project expenditures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council of the Parish of Iberville, after public discussion held at its regular meeting on February 18, 2025, that the Iberville Parish Council hereby approves the terms of said Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto, and further approves and authorizes the Iberville Parish President to execute the attached Cooperative Endeavor Agreement.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote by roll call was adopted in regular session this 18th day of February, 2025 by the following vote:

YEAS: Allen, Easley, Dominique, Frazier, Pierce, Jenkins, Markins, Bradford, Martinez,
Dardenne, Jewell.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Morgan.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on February 18, 2025.

RESOLUTION IPC# 2025-009

**RESOLUTION OF THE IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE
ATCHAFALAYA BASIN MANAGEMENT PLAN TO BE PRESENTED TO COASTAL
PROTECTION AND RESTORATION AUTHORITY ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY
28TH 2025**

WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya River Basin contains the largest remaining wetland forest in North America, and irreplaceable natural treasures; and

WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya Basin's cypress-tupelo swamps are the most productive wetlands in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya Basin wetlands are the number one producers of crawfish in the entire world; and

WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya Basin wetlands are about the most important wetlands for migratory birds in the Western Hemisphere and will become the most important as sea level rises and our delta disappears; and

WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya Basin wetlands can feed more aquatic birds per acre than any other wetland in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya Basin is critical to Louisiana's culture as the last bastion of the Cajun culture; and

WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya Basin is designed as a spillway protecting communities from flooding all the way to Lafayette to the west, Morgan City to the south, from Baton Rouge to New Orleans and Terrebonne Parish to the east; and

WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya Basin protects our entire industrial corridor, including over 150 industrial plants between Baton Rouge and New Orleans and the largest port in the western hemisphere, the Port of South Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, communities from Bayou Sorrel and Bayou Pigeon to Morgan City on the east and many communities on the west side will have no future if we keep filling the Basin's wetlands; and

WHEREAS, the Basin's flood capacity is critical to protect much of Southcentral Louisiana from flooding; and

WHEREAS, the loss of flood capacity is already responsible for a record flood in 2021 that created great misery to communities from Bayou Pigeon and Bayou Sorrel to Morgan City; and

WHEREAS, maintaining and increasing flood capacity in the Atchafalaya Basin is a must to be able to safely live in Southcentral Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Terrebonne Parish's future depends on the introduction of massive amounts of sediments to protect their communities and restore the coast; and

WHEREAS, the old bed of Grand Lake and Flat Lake in the Atchafalaya Basin and the Lake Verret/Lake Palourde Basins outside the eastern Atchafalaya Basin levee, can provide huge and unlimited amount of sand and silt to Terrebonne Parish, increasing in the process the flood capacity of the Morganza Spillway and the Lake Verret/Lake Palourde Basins;

WHEREAS, mining Grand Lake for sand will greatly decrease the need for dredging south of Morgan City to keep the Port of Morgan City open saving millions of dollars on dredging.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be sent to Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority and Atchafalaya Basinkeeper, and Iberville Parish will be included as a cosigner to the Atchafalaya Basin Management Plan that will be submitted by Atchafalaya Basinkeeper on or before February 28, 2025.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote by roll call was adopted in regular session this 18th day of February, 2025 by the following vote:

YEAS: Allen, Easley, Dominique, Frazier, Pierce, Jenkins, Markins, Bradford, Martinez, Dardenne, Jewell.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Morgan.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on February 18, 2025.

RESOLUTION IPC# 2025-010

RESOLUTION ORDERING AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE PARISH OF IBERVILLE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF A SPECIAL TAX THEREIN, MAKING APPLICATION TO THE STATE BOND COMMISSION, AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

BE IT RESOLVED by the Iberville Parish Council (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, including Article VI, Section 26 thereof, the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Parish on **SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025**, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSITION

Shall the Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a special tax of 4 mills (the "Tax") on all the property subject to taxation within the Parish (an estimated \$4,871,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 15 years, beginning with the year 2026 and ending with the year 2040, for the purpose of supporting the maintenance, operation and capital expenditures necessary to administer the Iberville Parish Public Library and its branches, and shall the avails of proceeds of the Tax be administered by the Iberville Parish Library Board of Control, in the manner required by law?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the official journal of the Parish once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Election, the Clerk is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the foregoing propositions that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Council Meeting Room, 2nd floor, Courthouse Building, 58050 Meriam Street, Plaquemine, Louisiana, on **TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025**, at **6:30 P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places for the precincts in the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said elections, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the Parish will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Clerk of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the Chairman and/or Clerk of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of Iberville Parish, and the Registrar of Voters of Iberville Parish, as notification of the special election, in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event said election carries for further consent and authority to continue to levy the special tax provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

SECTION 9. Employment of Counsel. This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel on matters related to the special election, and accordingly, Foley & Judell, L.L.P., is hereby employed as special counsel for said purpose for a term not exceeding one (1) year from the date of this resolution. The fee to be paid said special counsel shall be an amount computed at hourly rate based on the Attorney General's then current Maximum Hourly Fee Schedule, not to exceed \$1,000 in the aggregate, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses, and the Clerk is authorized to pay such invoices as and when presented. The scope of this legal representation does not involve federal claims.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote by roll call was adopted in regular session this 18th day of February, 2025 by the following vote:

YEAS: Allen, Easley, Dominique, Frazier, Pierce, Jenkins, Markins, Bradford, Martinez,
Dardenne, Jewell.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Morgan.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on February 18, 2025.

RESOLUTION IPC# 2025-011

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF NATURAL GAS FROM THE LOUISIANA MUNICIPAL NATURAL GAS PURCHASING AND DISTRIBUTION AUTHORITY, D/B/A LOUISIANA MUNICIPAL GAS AUTHORITY ("LMGA"); APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A GAS SALES CONTRACT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATING TO SAID PURCHASE; APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A NORTH AMERICAN ENERGY STANDARDS BOARD CONTRACT FOR THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF NATURAL GAS ("NAESB CONTRACT") FOR THE SALE OF SAID GAS; CONSENTING TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF CERTAIN RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE GAS SALES CONTRACT AND NAESB CONTRACT IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS BY THE BLACK BELT ENERGY GAS DISTRICT; APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING SUPPLY AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN LMGA AND IBERVILLE PARISH; AND ADDRESSING RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, the Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana (the "*Parish*") is a governmental and political subdivision organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana (the "*State*"); and

WHEREAS, the Parish owns and operates a natural gas supply and distribution system with a dedicated service area throughout the Parish (the "*Parish Gas System*"); and

WHEREAS, The Black Belt Energy Gas District ("*Black Belt*") is an Alabama gas district, a public corporation organized by actions of its member municipalities pursuant to the provisions of Alabama law; and

WHEREAS, Black Belt is planning a project to acquire long-term gas supplies from one or more special purpose entities (collectively, the "*Prepaid Supplier*"); and

WHEREAS, Black Belt's purchases from the Prepaid Supplier will in all cases be made pursuant to a Prepaid Natural Gas Sales Agreement and will be sized to meet a portion of the requirements of certain municipal gas systems, including the Parish Gas System, through a prepayment to be made by Black Belt (the "*Prepaid Project*"); and

WHEREAS, Black Belt will sell gas from the Prepaid Project to LMGA, and LMGA will sell the gas to the Parish to meet a portion of the needs of Taminco US LLC ("*Taminco*") for consumption at Taminco's Plant in St. Gabriel, Louisiana, in the service area of the Parish System (the "*Plant*"); and

WHEREAS, Black Belt will issue its Gas Project Revenue Bonds in one or more sub-series (the "*Bonds*") to finance the acquisition of the gas supplies under the Prepaid Project; and

WHEREAS, under the Gas Sales Contract, the Parish will agree to purchase from LMGA the amounts of gas specified in the Gas Sales Contract, at the prices specified in the Gas Sales Contract, for a term specified in the Gas Sales Contract; and

WHEREAS, under the North American Energy Standards Board Contract for the Sale and Purchase of Natural Gas ("*NAESB Contract*"), the Parish will agree to sell to Taminco the amounts of gas specified in the NAESB Contract, at the prices specified in the NAESB Contract, for a term specified in the NAESB Contract; and

WHEREAS, the Bonds will be issued pursuant to a Trust Indenture (the "*Indenture*") between Black Belt and a corporate trustee, which shall initially be Regions Bank, and will be purchased by one or more underwriters or original purchasers of the Bonds (collectively, the "*Underwriters*") pursuant to one or more bond purchase agreements or similar agreements; and

WHEREAS, Black Belt will pledge to the payment of the Bonds certain assets of Black Belt, including the Gas Sales Contract between LMGA and the Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Parish shall have no financial liability with respect to the Bonds, and the Parish's only obligations relating to the Prepaid Project shall be those set forth in the Gas Sales Contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Iberville Parish Council (the "**Governing Authority**"), as the governing authority of the Parish, that:

SECTION 1. The Parish is authorized to enter into the Gas Sales Contract with LMGA, pursuant to which the Parish will purchase natural gas for the Parish System from LMGA to meet a portion of the requirements of Taminco. Such Gas Sales Contract shall (a) have a term of not greater than 366 months, (b) shall be appropriately sized to meet a portion of Taminco's requirements not to exceed an annual average of 2,500 MMBtu per day, (c) provide for a projected minimum savings to the Parish as shall be set forth in the Gas Sales Contract, such discount to be not less than 25 cents (\$0.25) per MMBtu prior to sharing any of such savings with Taminco.

SECTION 2. The Gas Sales Contract shall be in substantially the form submitted and attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, which such form is hereby approved, to include such completions, deletions, insertions, revisions, and other changes as may be approved by the Parish President with the advice of counsel, his execution to constitute conclusive evidence of the approval of any such changes.

SECTION 3. The resale of the gas purchased by the Parish from LMGA shall be to Taminco to meet a portion of Taminco's requirements for its operations pursuant to a published tariff and a qualified requirements contract approved by tax counsel to Black Belt, and in the form of a NAESB Contract for the Sale and Purchase of Natural Gas and a Transaction Confirmation thereto (the "**NAESB Contract**") between the Parish and Taminco in substantially the form submitted and attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, which such form is hereby approved, to include such completions, deletions, insertions, revisions, and other changes as may be approved by the Parish President with the advice of counsel, his execution to constitute conclusive evidence of the approval of any such changes.

SECTION 4. The Parish President is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Gas Sales Contract and the NAESB Contract on behalf of the Parish.

SECTION 5. The Parish President is hereby authorized to execute and deliver an Amendment to the Gas Supply, Transportation, Storage and Load Management Agreement between the Parish and LMGA, substantially in the form submitted and attached hereto as **Exhibit C**, which form is hereby approved, to include such completions, deletions, insertions, revisions, and other changes as may be approved by the Parish President with the advice of counsel, his execution to constitute conclusive evidence of the approval of any such changes.

SECTION 6. The officers, employees, and agents of the Parish are hereby authorized and directed to take such actions and do all things necessary to cause the purchase of said gas to take place, including the payment of all amounts required to be paid in order to purchase the gas in accordance with the Gas Supply Agreement.

SECTION 7. This Governing Authority consents to the assignment and pledge of all of LMGA's right, title and interest under the Gas Sales Contract, including the right to receive performance by the Parish of its obligations thereunder, to secure the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds.

SECTION 8. The officers and employees of the Parish, as well as any other agent or representative of the Parish, are hereby authorized and directed to cooperate with and provide Black Belt, the underwriters of the Bonds, and their agents and representatives with such information relating to the Parish as may be necessary for use in the preparation and distribution of a preliminary official statement or other disclosure document used in connection with the sale of the Bonds. This Governing Authority hereby covenants and agrees that the Parish will cooperate with Black Belt in the discharge of Black Belt's obligations to provide annual financial and operating information and notification as to material events with respect to the Parish as may be required by any continuing disclosure undertaking entered into by Black Belt or the Parish in connection with the Bonds, and the Parish President is hereby authorized and directed with the advice of counsel to execute any agreement with respect to such undertaking if requested to do so by Black Belt and the Underwriters.

SECTION 9. The Bonds are not obligations of the Parish but are and shall at all times be limited obligations of Black Belt payable solely from the revenues and receipts pledged by Black Belt under the Indenture, including the revenues and receipts arising from the sale of gas to Taminco by the Parish. By consenting to the assignment of the Gas Sales Contract and agreeing to provide information for inclusion in the official statement, the Parish is not incurring any financial liability with respect to the Bonds.

SECTION 10. This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel to represent the Parish in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, and accordingly, Foley & Judell, L.L.P., of New Orleans, Louisiana, is hereby employed to do and perform work of a traditional legal nature as bond counsel to the Parish with respect to the issuance and sale of said Bonds and any contracts entered into by the Parish in connection therewith. Said bond counsel shall prepare and submit to this Governing Authority for adoption all of the proceeding's incidental to the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of such Bonds, shall counsel and advise this Governing Authority as to the issuance and sale thereof, and shall furnish its opinions covering the legality of any contracts entered into by the Parish in connection therewith. The fee of bond counsel for each series of bonds shall be fixed at a sum not exceeding the fee allowed by the Attorney General's fee guidelines for such bond counsel work and based on the amount of said Bonds actually issued, sold, delivered and paid for, plus "out-of-pocket" expenses, said fees to be contingent upon the issuance, sale and delivery of said Bonds. A certified copy of this resolution shall be submitted to the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana for approval of said employment and of the fees herein designated, and payment for the work herein specified is hereby authorized upon completion thereof and under the conditions herein enumerated without further approval of this Governing Authority.

SECTION 11. All acts and doings of the officers and employees of the Parish or any other agent or representative of the Parish which are in conformity with the purposes and intent of this Resolution and in furtherance of the execution and delivery of and performance under the Gas Sales Contract and the NAESB Contract, and in furtherance of the issuance and sale of the Bonds, shall be and the same hereby are in all respects approved and confirmed, including without limitation the execution and delivery by the Parish President of all certificates and documents as he shall deem necessary in connection with the Gas Sales Contract and the NAESB Contract.

SECTION 12. If any section, paragraph or provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

SECTION 13. All other resolutions or orders, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed and this Resolution shall take immediate effect from and after its adoption.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote by roll call was adopted in regular session this 18th day of February, 2025 by the following vote:

YEAS: Allen, Easley, Dominique, Frazier, Pierce, Jenkins, Markins, Bradford, Martinez, Dardenne, Jewell.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Morgan.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on February 18, 2025.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORT

None.

DISCUSSIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilwoman Allen, and seconded by Councilwoman Jenkins, to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. The motion was unanimously adopted.

/s/ MACY W. OURSO
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ STEVE C. SMITH
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN