

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
ST. MARY PARISH WATER & SEWER COMMISSION NO. 4
SPECIAL SESSION

April 1, 2025
Baldwin, Louisiana

The Board of Commissioners of St. Mary Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 4, State of Louisiana, met in Special Session on this date at the St. Mary Parish Water & Sewer Commission No. 4 Office Building at 900 Main Street in Baldwin, Louisiana, with Commission President Mr. Willie Scott presiding and the following members present: Mr. Joel Authement, Ms. Jenny Darce, Mr. Chad Gianfala, Mr. William Gray, and Ms. Stephanie Milton. Mr. Benjamin Grimm was absent. Also in attendance was Ms. Tandra Verret, Office Administrator.

There was discussion relative to applying for a grant through South Central Planning and Development Commission to tie-in the existing waterline at the Franklin Senior High School and Franklin Junior High School to the Commission's main waterline. Mr. Gianfala made the motion to adopt the following Resolution; seconded by Ms. Milton. The motion carried following a 6-0-0-1 roll call vote. YEAS: Mr. Authement, Ms. Darce, Mr. Gianfala, Mr. Gray, Ms. Milton, and Mr. Scott. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Grimm.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY PARISH WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION NO. 4, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY (DRA) GRANT APPLICATION FOR A CRITICAL WATER INFRASTRUCTURE LINE TIE-IN PROJECT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD.

WHEREAS, St. Mary Parish Water & Sewer Commission No. 4 recognizes the critical need to ensure uninterrupted water service and water pressure to key public institutions within its service area, including **Franklin Junior High School** and **Franklin Senior High School**, both of which fall under the jurisdiction of the **St. Mary Parish School Board**; and

WHEREAS, this partnership represents an effort to implement alternative solutions that support the continuity of essential services, including education and operations, in response to recurring infrastructure challenges; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of St. Mary Parish Water & Sewer Commission No. 4 seeks to address this infrastructure challenge through the construction of a **Critical Water Line Tie-In** that would enable continued service and pressure to the schools during infrastructure system failures; and

WHEREAS, the Board met in a special session on April 1, 2025 whereby the following members were present: Mr. Joel Authement, Ms. Jenny Darce, Mr. Chad Gianfala, Mr. William Gray, Ms. Stephanie Milton, and Mr. Willie Scott, constituting a quorum and voted on the adoption of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gianfala made the motion to adopt this resolution; seconded by Ms. Milton. The resolution carries following a 6-0-0-1 roll call vote. YEAS: Mr. Authement, Ms. Darce, Mr. Gianfala, Mr. Gray, Ms. Milton, and Mr. Scott. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Grimm.

WHEREAS, **Delta Regional Authority (DRA)** provides federal grant funding for infrastructure improvements that enhance public health, safety, and economic resilience in eligible areas such as St. Mary Parish; and

WHEREAS, South Central Planning and Development Commission (SCPDC) serves as the designated regional development organization for the Delta Regional Authority and is equipped to assist local entities with grant writing, submission, and post-award administration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of **St. Mary Parish Water & Sewer Commission No. 4** hereby authorizes the development and submission of a grant application to the **Delta Regional Authority (DRA)** in support of the **Critical Water Infrastructure Line Tie-In Project** in partnership with the **St. Mary Parish School Board**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board has chosen **Willie J. Scott, President**, acting by and through the Commission, to oversee the inhouse administration of this grant, and is hereby designated as the **Authorized Representative** of St. Mary Parish Water & Sewer Commission No. 4 for purposes of executing and signing all documents, including but not limited to, agreements, assurances, certifications, requests for funds, and closing

documents required for the application and administration of the DRA grant and to provide status reports to 3rd party stakeholders, including SCPDC and DRA, through the life of this grant;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that **South Central Planning and Development Commission (SCPDC)** is hereby authorized to prepare and submit the application on behalf of the Commission and, if awarded, to oversee and administer all aspects of the grant in accordance with federal and state requirements; and that in the event of an administration change, South Central Planning and Development Commission shall continue to have such authority under this Resolution; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

There being no other business before the commission, Ms. Milton made a motion to adjourn seconded by Mr. Gray. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING DATE: April 16, 2025

Willie J. Scott, President

Jenny R. Darce, Secretary/Treasurer