

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF  
ST. MARY, STATE OF LOUISIANA

FEBRUARY 26, 2014  
FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA

The St. Mary Parish Council met on this date in Regular Session with Chairman Steve Bierhorst presiding and the following members present: Lionel Metz, Glen Hidalgo, Logan Fromenthal Dr. Tim Tregle, Sterling Fryou, Albert Foulcard and Kevin Voisin. Absent were Charles Middleton, David Hanagriff and Ken Singleton.

Mr. Fryou pronounced the Invocation and Dr. Tregle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Fromenthal moved that the reading of the minutes of the First Regular Meeting, February 12, 2014 be dispensed with and that the same be approved. Mr. Fryou seconded the motion, which carried.

Lisa Schilling, Executive Director, South Central Louisiana Human Services Authority (SCLHSA) appeared before the Council to give a SCLHSA Presentation.

Ms. Schilling introduced Janell Folsie, Chief Financial Officer and Kent St. Germain, St. Mary Parish Clinic Manger to the Council.

Ms. Schilling stated that the Human Services Authority represent the Parishes of Assumption, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Mary and Terrebonne. (Developmental disabilities and behavioral health services are provided to the residents of those Parishes.)

Ms. Schilling expounded relative to the Specialty Programs which includes, Employee Assistance, Social Security Disability Evaluation, Substance Abuse Professional Services, Anger Management, Mobile Outreach and Intensive Outpatient Treatment.

Ms. Schilling also informed that Primary Care Services has been integrated into SCLHSA.

Ms. Schilling commented relative to challenges for SCLHSA in the upcoming year which includes Behavioral Health – Statewide Management Organization (Magellan) Billing/Payment Issues; Development Disabilities Systems Transportation and Information Technology Migration – funding.

Ms. Schillings also presented and expounded to SCLHSA's Budget Review, Staffing Numbers, Behavioral Health; Services Provided in FY 2013 and FY 2012 [and Persons Served by Statewide LGE's for FY2013](#).

Ms. Schilling provided a list of detailed accomplishments for 2013 which included Clinical Services, CCP/LA Spirit Team Recognition, First Regional Crisis Intervention Training Program, SCLHSA 2<sup>nd</sup> Community Book Forum, Developmental Disabilities, Fiscal Services, Grant Funding and Human Resources.

Mr. LaGrange suggested that the State Legislators be contacted regarding the funding issues for South Central Louisiana Human Services Authority.

Mr. Voisin moved that the following Proclamation be adopted. The Parish Council seconded the motion, which carried by the following 8-0-0-3 Roll Call Vote:

YEAS: Messrs. Metz, Hidalgo, Fromenthal, Dr. Tregle, Messrs. Fryou, Foulcard, Voisin and Bierhorst

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Messrs. Middleton, Hanagriff and Singleton

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, March is American Red Cross Month – a special time to recognize and thank our Everyday Heroes – those who reach out to help their neighbors when they are in need; and,

**WHEREAS**, American Red Cross heroes are on the front lines every day. They volunteer their time, give blood, take life-saving courses or provide financial donations to help those in need; and

**WHEREAS**, We would like to remember our heroes here in St. Mary Parish who give to help people in need. They work tirelessly to help in time of disaster, when someone needs life-saving blood, or the comfort of a helping hand. They provide round-the-clock support to members of the military, veterans and their families, and teach lifesaving classes in CPR, aquatics safety and first aid; and

**WHEREAS**, Across the country and around the world, the American Red Cross responded to hurricanes, tornadoes, floods and wildfires, the tragedy at the Boston Marathon, and typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines; and

**WHEREAS**, When an injured service member ended up in a hospital far from home, the American Red Cross offered comfort. When a hospital patient needed blood, American Red Cross blood donors helped them. When a lifeguard jumped in to save a drowning child or someone stepped up to help a heart attack victim, the American Red Cross was there; and

**WHEREAS**, We dedicate the month of March to all those who support the American Red Cross mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies. Our community depends on the American Red Cross, which relies on donations of time, money and blood to fulfill its humanitarian mission; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Steve Bierhorst, Chairman of the St. Mary Parish Council do hereby proclaim the month of March 2014 as:

### AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

in the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, and encourage all citizens to support this program.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 2014.

**APPROVED:**

s/g Steve Bierhorst

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**STEVE BIERHORST, CHAIRMAN  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**ATTEST:**

s/g Lisa C. Morgan

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**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

Lucien Cutrera, L. A., AICP, LJC Planning and Design, LLC appeared before the Parish Council to update relative to St. Mary Parish Hazardous Mitigation Plan.

Mr. Cutrera stated that there are 64 HazMat Committee Members.

Mr. Cutrera stated that the purpose of the plan is to identify all vulnerabilities and risks from natural hazards to the region. (Winter Storms will be addressed.)

Mr. Cutrera stated that if an approved plan is in place when FEMA funds become available after a hurricane, etc., your Parish would be eligible to receive those funds.

Mr. Cutrera informed that the next Hazard Mitigation Plan Update will be held on March 6, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Council Meeting Room.

In regard to the Hazard Mitigation Plan, Mr. LaGrange stated that projects have been identified that are potentially eligible for Hazard Mitigation funding.

Mr. Naquin, Parish President did not have any business to report at this time.

Henry “Bo” LaGrange, Chief Administrative Officer presented his report for a two (2) week period ending February 21, 2014.

In response to an inquiry regarding the condition of the roadway at the Michel Boat Landing, Mr. LaGrange stated that the Parish’s Road crew has performed patchwork on the roadway.

Mr. LaGrange informed that he attended a LA P.A.C.E (Parish Against Coastal Erosion) meeting in Harahan, LA (Jefferson Parish Council) on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 (Presentations were given by Oil and Gas Associations in regard to lawsuits that are ongoing from Levee Districts, Parishes and private landowners.)

Mr. LaGrange informed that a Resolution of Support was adopted to support the bill to amend the Biggert -Waters Act.

Mr. Naquin informed that a PACE meeting will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.

Tammy Luke presented the following item as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission at their February 24, 2014 Regular Meeting:

**a. Preliminary & Final Development Approval –**

Name: Suire Oilfield Services, LLC to be acquired By St. Mary Parish Fire Protection Dist. 3  
Address: 301 Lake Palourde Bypass Rd., Amelia, LA

Parcel Id# 3464221078.00; Sec. 44 T16S R13E; 9.20 ac rem Tract D being portion of 215.  
Tract “ABCDEFGHIJKLMNQRSTUWXYZAABBCCDDEEFFGGHHA” per map 34X  
236649 less sales 12Y 11982 18S 160396 21X 179278 20R 171889 25F 196436 34J 234767-  
768 34N 235290

Zoned: Heavy Industrial Zoned District (HI)

PURPOSE: subdivision; as shown on plat titled “Plan of Land showing Tract “GBEFG” to be acquired by St. Mary Parish Fire Protection District No. 3 being a part of Tract “S” located in Sec. 44, T16S R13E St. Mary Parish, Louisiana” as prepared by Kenneth A. Landry, dated January 16, 2014; Dwg. No. 13-4797-S

Mr. Voisin moved that Preliminary & Final Development Approval be granted for:

Name: Suire Oilfield Services, LLC to be acquired By St. Mary Parish Fire Protection Dist. 3  
Address: 301 Lake Palourde Bypass Rd., Amelia, LA

Parcel Id# 3464221078.00; Sec. 44 T16S R13E; 9.20 ac rem Tract D being portion of 215.  
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Mr. Voisin moved that the Public Hearing Report – February 12, 2014 be adopted. Mr. Foulcard seconded the motion, which carried.

Mr. Hidalgo reported that he and Mr. Voisin attended a workshop held by the Golf Course Commission at the Atchafalaya at Idlewild Golf Course to discuss the possibility of hiring a management company to oversee the operation of the Golf Course.

Mr. Hidalgo introduced the following ordinance:

**ORDINANCE NO.**

An Ordinance proposing an amendment to Section 2 – 05 of the Home Rule Charter for St. Mary Parish regarding forfeiture of compensation due to non-attendance of meetings.

**WHEREAS**, Section 2-05 (A) of the Home Rule Charter for St. Mary Parish provides for compensation of council members and the method of amending such provision.

**WHEREAS**, The St. Mary Parish Council proposes to place on the ballot the following amendment to Section 2-05 of the Home Rule Charter for St. Mary Parish on the November 11, 2014 ballot.

Section 2 – 05 (C). Forfeiture of Compensation.

Section 1: Any council member who is absent for more than three regular council meeting in one calendar year shall forfeit one half of that month’s compensation for each subsequent meeting which they are absent in that calendar year.

Section 2: Exception: The council, by a two-thirds vote of its entire membership, may grant a waiver for the imposition of the provisions of Section 1.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the St. Mary Parish Council, on behalf of the St. Mary Parish Government, declares that:

**Section 1:** The St. Mary Parish Council finds that the following amendment to Section 2-05 of the Home Rule Charter for St. Mary Parish be placed on the ballot on the November 11, 2014 ballot.

Section 2-05 (C). Compensation.

Section 1: Any council member who is absent for more than three regular council meeting in one calendar year shall forfeit one half of that month’s compensation for each subsequent meeting which they are absent in that calendar year.

Section 2: Exception: The council, by a two-thirds vote of its entire membership, may grant a waiver for the imposition of the provisions of Section 1.

**Section 2:** That this Ordinance is hereby adopted in accordance with Section 2-11 and Section 7-03 of the Home Rule Charter of St. Mary Parish and that said Charter Amendments shall become effective only upon ratification by the electors of St. Mary Parish at an election to be held on November 11, 2014.

This ordinance having been offered and read on this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 2014, having been published in accordance with law.

Mr. Voisin introduced the following ordinance:

**ORDINANCE NO.**

An Ordinance proposing an amendment to Section 3-02 of the Home Rule Charter for St. Mary Parish adopted February 1983.

**WHEREAS**, Section 3-02 of the Home Rule Charter for St. Mary Parish provides for the election and term of the Parish President.

**WHEREAS**, The St. Mary Parish Council proposes to place on the ballot the following amendment to Section 3-02 of the Home Rule Charter for St. Mary Parish on the November 11, 2014 ballot.

Section 3-02. Election, Term.

The president shall be elected at large from and by the qualified electors of the Parish according to the election laws of the state for a four (4) year term. Any person elected after the effective date of this provision, who has who has served as president for more than two and one-half consecutive terms shall not be elected president for the succeeding term.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the St. Mary Parish Council, on behalf of the St. Mary Parish Government, declares that:

**Section 1:** The St. Mary Parish Council finds that the following amendment to Section 3-02 of the Home Rule Charter for St. Mary Parish be placed on the ballot on the November 11, 2014 ballot.

Section 3-02. Election, Term.

The president shall be elected at large from and by the qualified electors of the Parish according to the election laws of the state for a four (4) year term. Any person elected after the effective date of this provision, who has who has served as president for more than two and one-half terms shall not be elected president for the succeeding term.

**Section 2:** That this Ordinance is hereby adopted in accordance with Section 2-11 and Section 7-03 of the Home Rule Charter of St. Mary Parish and that said Charter amendments shall become effective only upon ratification by the electors of St. Mary Parish at an election to be held on November 11, 2014.

This ordinance having been offered and read on this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 2014; having been published in accordance with law.

The following resolutions were withdrawn from consideration of adoption: a resolution endorsing Swiftships Shipbuilders, LLC and their Project No. 20140189 to participate in the benefits of the Enterprise Zone Program and a resolution approving the holding of an election in the Fire Protection District No. 7 of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, May 3, 2014, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

Mr. Fromenthal moved that the following resolutions be adopted. Mr. Metz seconded the motion, which carried by the following 8-0-0-3 Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Messrs. Hidalgo, Fromenthal, Dr. Tregle, Messrs. Fryou, Foulcard, Voisin, Bierhorst and Metz

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Messrs. Middleton, Hanagriff and Singleton

### **RESOLUTION OF RESPECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Lord Almighty in his Infinite mercy and goodness has seen fit to remove from our midst, Mrs. Ernestine Connor Jack, mother of Assistant Clerk, Carolyn Jack, and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Jack was a kind woman and was truly loved by her family and friends, and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the St. Mary Parish Council wish to acknowledge publicly their sorrow and sympathy to the family of Mrs. Jack, and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Mary Parish Council hopes that her family will find comfort in the thought that their grief and sorrow are shared by their friends.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the St. Mary Parish Council through the unanimous adoption of this resolution that they solemnly deliberate with sincere condolences, sympathy, and understanding during this time of grief.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 2014.

**APPROVED:**

s/g Steve Bierhorst

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**STEVE BIERHORST, CHAIRMAN  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**ATTEST:**

s/g Lisa C. Morgan

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**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**QUALITY JOBS PROGRAM  
ENDORSEMENT RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** ST. MARY PARISH GOVERNMENT OFFERS ITS ENDORSEMENT OF GRAVOIS ALUMINUM BOATS, LLC PROJECT: EXPANSION OF MANUFACTURING FACILITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BENEFITS OF THE LOUISIANA QUALITY JOBS PROGRAM:

**WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Quality Jobs Act 153 of 2002 and;

**WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Quality Jobs Program offers significant incentives for economic development to some of the most distressed areas in the State and;

**WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Department of Economic Development designated Census Tract Number 411, Block Group Number 002, in St. Mary Parish as eligible based on enabling legislation (R.S. 51:2451-2462) and;

**WHEREAS,** St. Mary Parish Government states this endorsement is in agreement with the overall economic development plan for St. Mary Parish, and;

**WHEREAS,** the attached map has been marked to show the location of the business being endorsed and;

**WHEREAS,** in accordance with the Louisiana Quality Jobs Program requirements St. Mary Parish agrees:

1. To participate in the Quality Jobs Program.
2. To assist the Department in evaluating progress made in any Quality Jobs within its jurisdiction.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by St. Mary Parish Government in regular and legal session convened this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 2014, that and their project Expansion, Quality Jobs Application #20140144 is endorsed to participate in the Louisiana Quality Jobs Program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if any provision or item on this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

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

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 2014.

**APPROVED:**

s/g **Steve Bierhorst**

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**STEVE BIERHORST, CHAIRMAN  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**ATTEST:**

s/g **Lisa C. Morgan**

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**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

#### **RESOLUTION**

A resolution providing for the approval and authorization for Change Order No. 1 for Harry P. William's Memorial Airport-Seaway Rehabilitation.

**WHEREAS**, a certain contract has been entered into between the St. Mary Parish Council and Sealevel Construction, Inc., P.O. Box 1037, Thibodaux, LA 70302, relative to Harry P. William's Memorial Airport – Seaway Rehabilitation, and

**WHEREAS**, the items as shown on Change Order No. 1 will result in an increase of \$9,500.00 in the contract price.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the St. Mary Parish Council does hereby approve the issuance of Change Order No. 1 covering an increase of \$9,500.00 in the contract for Harry P. William's Memorial Airport – Seaway Rehabilitation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of St. Mary Parish, Paul P. Naquin, Jr., be and he is hereby authorized to execute Change Order No. 1 on behalf of the St. Mary Parish Council.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 2014.

**APPROVED:**

s/g **Steve Bierhorst**

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**STEVE BIERHORST, CHAIRMAN  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**ATTEST:**

**s/g Lisa C. Morgan**

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**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION**

A resolution authorizing Paul P. Naquin, Jr., the President to execute an Agreement with the Parish of Lafayette relative to Lafayette Juvenile Detention Home.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Paul P. Naquin, Jr., President of the Parish of St. Mary, be and he is hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Parish Council, to execute an Agreement with the Parish of Lafayette relative to Lafayette Juvenile Detention Home, with said Contract to contain such terms, conditions and stipulations as he may best see fit, he being fully authorized in the premises.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 2014.

**APPROVED:**

**s/g Steve Bierhorst**

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**STEVE BIERHORST, CHAIRMAN  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**ATTEST:**

**s/g Lisa C. Morgan**

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**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION**

A resolution authorizing Paul P. Naquin, Jr., the President of St. Mary Parish to execute an Agreement with St. Mary Parish Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 2 relative to use of office space in the old Whitney Bank, Morgan City.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Paul P. Naquin, Jr., President of the Parish of St. Mary, be and he is hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Parish Council, to execute an Agreement with St. Mary Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 2 relative to the use of office space in the old Whitney Bank located at 201 Everett Street, Morgan City, Louisiana, with said Agreement to contain such terms, conditions and stipulations as he may best see fit, he being fully authorized in the premises.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 2014.

**APPROVED:**

s/g Steve Bierhorst

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**STEVE BIERHORST, CHAIRMAN  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**ATTEST:**

s/g Lisa C. Morgan

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**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the 2014 Winter Storm caused roads and bridges to ice over, and

**WHEREAS**, the 2014 Winter Storm threatened the safety of travelers on the roadways and bridges in St. Mary Parish, and

**WHEREAS**, North American Salt Company of Baldwin, Louisiana diligently assisted St. Mary Parish with the 2014 Winter Storm, and

**WHEREAS**, North American Salt Company donated 50 tons of salt to St. Mary Parish, and

**WHEREAS**, the salt delivered to the City of Morgan City allowed the Hwy. 182 Bridge to remain open during the 2014 Winter Storm.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the St. Mary Parish Council does hereby thank North American Salt Company for generously donating salt to St. Mary Parish.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** in by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 2014.

**APPROVED:**

s/g Steve Bierhorst

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**STEVE BIERHORST, CHAIRMAN  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**ATTEST:**

s/g Lisa C. Morgan

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**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK  
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Referred from the December 11, 2013 Regular Meeting – Appointment to the following Boards and Commissions:

**Recreation District No. 7 – 2 Vacancies (Centerville/Verdunville Area)**

Richard John Tabor – Present Member

Mr. Hidalgo moved that Richard John Tabor be reappointed to Recreation District No. 7 Board of Commissioners. Mr. Voisin seconded the motion, which carried.

- B. Referred from the February 12, 2014 Regular Meeting – Appointment to the following Boards and Commissions:

**Board of Adjustments – 1 Vacancy**

Scott Berry – Present Member

Mr. Hidalgo moved that Scott Berry be reappointed to the Board of Adjustments. Mr. Fryou seconded the motion, which carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. We received the following financial statements:

Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 – year ended September 30, 2013  
Gravity Sub-Drainage District No. 1 of Gravity Drainage District No. 2 – year ended September 30, 2013

- B. Jean Paul Bourg, Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 2 Board Member writes – The St. Mary Parish Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 2 passed a motion on February 10, 2014 to make a request with the parish to use some of its office space in the Old Whitney Bank Building in Morgan City. The Board plans on using this space for its monthly board meetings as well as office space for its part-time secretary. The Secretary will work out of this office Monday thru Friday.

There being no further business, Mr. Foulcard moved for adjournment. Mr. Fryou seconded the motion, which carried.

s/g Lisa C. Morgan

s/g Steve Bierhorst

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Lisa C. Morgan, Clerk

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Steve Bierhorst, Chairman