

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO. C-6813

COUNCIL SPONSOR: DAVIS/COOPER

PROVIDED BY: GRANTS

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO FORMALLY REQUEST THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT, DIVISION OF AVIATION, TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO COMPLETE THE AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS AT ST. TAMMANY REGIONAL AIRPORT, AS SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT APPLICATION FOR STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DATED JULY 2023.

WHEREAS, Title 2 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 provides that cities, towns, parishes, and other political subdivisions of this State may separately or jointly acquire, establish, construct, expand, own, lease, control, equip, improve, maintain, operate, regulate, and police airports and landing fields for the use of aircraft; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development, Division of Aviation (formerly the LA DOTD-OAPT) is charged by Title 2 with the responsibility for the development of aviation facilities within the State to foster air commerce and to safeguard the interests of those engaged in all phases of the aviation industry and of the general public; and,

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Parish Government, hereinafter referred to as "Sponsor", has completed an FAA and DOTD approved Master Plan, Action Plan, and/or Airport Layout Plan which outlines the specific future development of the St. Tammany Regional Airport; and, the Sponsor is desirous of implementing a portion of the approved Plan recommendations which provide for the critically needed improvements as stated below to substantially improve the safety and usability of the Airport, but does not have sufficient funds of its own required for completing the needed improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation is authorized by Title 2 to expend funds for the construction or enlargement of airports for the safety and advancement of aeronautics;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION I

That the Sponsor does hereby formally request that the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation provide funds required to complete the airport improvements at the St. Tammany Regional Airport specifically as described in the Capital Improvement Program Application for State Financial Assistance dated July, 2023.

SECTION II

That the said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation be and is hereby assured that all necessary servitudes, rights-of-way, rights of ingress and egress and means thereof will be furnished by the Sponsor and the titles thereto will be valid and indefeasible, and that the Sponsor will assume ownership, financial reporting, and complete responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the airport after completion of said improvement.

SECTION III

That the Sponsor will save and hold the said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation, its officers, agents, and employees harmless from any liability or claim for damages arising out of the project, including death or injuries to third parties including, but not limited to, liability or claim for damages out of the negligence of said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation, its officers, agents, or employees, and expressly agrees to defend any suit of any nature brought against the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation as a result of this project.

SECTION IV

That the Parish President of the Sponsor be and is hereby authorized and directed to evidence this agreement by affixing her signature at the place provided therefore on this resolution and on subsequent related documents/agreements as required by the rules and regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration and the State of Louisiana and the Clerk is hereby authorized to attest said execution.

SECTION V

That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

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 7TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023 AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

JACOB "JAKE" A. AIREY, COUNCIL CHAIR

ATTEST:

KATRINA BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENT

This resolution gives the Parish President the authority to request funds from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Division of Aviation, to complete the projects that are found in the Parish's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) 2024-2029 for the St. Tammany Regional Airport.