ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO.: C-7397

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. BINDER/MR. LAUGHLIN/PRES. COOPER PROVIDED BY: PRESIDENT

RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND CONFIRM THE NOMINATION THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH PRESIDENT WILL SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE ST. TAMMANY LEVEE, DRAINAGE AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD.

WHEREAS, according to Act 303 the St. Tammany Levee, Drainage and Conservation District will be governed by a board of commissioners; and

WHEREAS, according to Act 303, commissioners shall serve concurrently with the governor and shall serve at the pleasure of the governor; and

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2026, the Parish President's office received notification that Mr. Bill Newton was resigning from the board; and

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES the Parish President of St. Tammany Parish has selected Ms. Donna McDonald as his nominee to serve in the open seat and plans to submit Ms. McDonald to the governor to serve, and the St. Tammany Parish Council now wishes to recognize and confirm said nominee.

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 5TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

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CHERYL TANNER, COUNCIL CHAIR

ATTEST:

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KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, CLERK OF COUNCIL

Administrative Comment

November 5, 2026

President's Office

As established by Act No. 303, which created the St. Tammany Levee, Drainage and Conservation District, the Governor appoints a nine-member Board of Commissioners composed of individuals from St. Tammany Parish who meet the qualifications outlined in R.S. 38:304(A). The Parish President is responsible for submitting nominations in writing, subject to ratification by the Parish Council, from which the Governor appoints two commissioners.

Because President Cooper currently has one active appointee, only one additional appointment is needed. Accordingly, President Cooper intends to submit a single nominee, consistent with the approach previously taken when Mr. Bill Newton was appointed in 2023.

Ms. Donna McDonald is an active member of the community who is well-qualified to serve on the Board. Her qualifications include involvement with the Bayou Liberty Association, service on the New Directions 2040 committee, and professional experience as a local contractor. She has also been attending Board meetings, demonstrating her interest and commitment to the District's work.