

The following Resolution was offered by Commissioner Emile Henriquez and seconded by Commissioner Michael Arnolie, Jr.

Resolution

A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in Drainage District No. 4 of St. Tammany Parish, State of Louisiana, to authorize a new maintenance and operation tax to replace the existing \$96.00 maintenance and operation tax that is current through the year 2024 and existing \$39.00 additional maintenance and operation tax that is current through the year 2026, making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Drainage District No. 4 of St. Tammany Parish, State of Louisiana, (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Drainage District No. 4, that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by Article VI, Sections 29, 30, and 32 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, the applicable provisions of Chapter 5, Chapter 6-A and Chapter 6-B of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, La. R.S. 38:1674.16.1, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Parish and the District on SATURDAY, April 29, 2023, 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:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

(Replacement of Existing Maintenance and Operation Taxes)

Shall Drainage District No. 4 of the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to replace the existing \$96.00 maintenance and operation tax which is current through the year 2024 and existing \$39.00 additional maintenance and operation tax that is current through the year 2026, for a five year term, with a new maintenance and operation tax on each landowner of record within the District in the amount of \$253.00 for each 10,000 square feet of each lot and parcel owned, beginning with the year 2023, and ending with the year 2027, subject to renewal for five year terms by special election, to maintain the levee system, pumping station, pumps, holding ponds, construction of pumping stations, and acquisition of land therefor, and other matters related thereto; and the operation of the District including cost of the pumping station operation staff, salaries of office staff, utilities and fuels, purchase of equipment necessary for the maintenance or operation of the District, contract services, insurance, personnel, and other matters related thereto or called for by law, this being to replace the current maintenance and operation taxes that is reasonably expected to generate approximately \$307,142.00 annually?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the “St. Tammany Farmer” and “The Slidell Independent”, newspapers of general circulation within the Parish and the District, the St. Tammany Farmer being the official journal of the Governing Authority, 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 fixed for 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.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority, acting as the governing authority of the Parish and the District, shall meet at its regular meeting place, on May 3, 2023, 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 results of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling places. The polling place set forth in the aforesaid Notice of Special Election is hereby designated as the polling place at which to hold the election, 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 therefore 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 return of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held on May 3, 2023, as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines shall be used thereat.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Secretary and/or President 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 Secretary and/or President 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, including but not limited to, appropriate submission to the Federal Department of Justice under Section 5 of the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Commissioner of Elections, the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Parish Custodian of Voting Machines in and for the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana, and the Registrar of Voters in and for said Parish, as notification of the special election herein called 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 aforesaid special election as herein provided, and in the event said election carries for further consent and authority to renew the maintenance and operation tax provided for therein, and 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.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Chairman Wayne Espat, Commissioners Emile Henriquez, Carolyn Cavaliere, and Michael Arnolie, Jr.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Tim Asher

And the Resolution was declared adopted on this, the ____ day of January, 2023.

Secretary

President

EXHIBIT “A”

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Drainage District No. 4, St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, (the “Governing Authority”), acting as the governing authority of Drainage District No. 4, (the “District”), on January 11, 2023, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Parish and the District on SATURDAY, April 29, 2023, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the District qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, wit:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

(Replacement of Existing Maintenance and Operation Taxes)

Shall Drainage District No. 4 of the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to replace the existing \$96.00 maintenance and operation tax which is current through the year 2024 and existing \$39.00 additional maintenance and operation tax that is current through the year 2026, for a five year term, with a new maintenance and operation tax on each landowner of record within the District in the amount of \$253.00 for each 10,000 square feet of each lot and parcel owned, beginning with the year 2023, and ending with the year 2027, subject to renewal for five year terms by special election, to maintain the levee system, pumping station, pumps, holding ponds, construction of pumping stations, and acquisition of land therefor, and other matters related thereto; and the operation of the District including cost of the pumping station operation staff, salaries of office staff, utilities and fuels, purchase of equipment necessary for the maintenance or operation of the District, contract services, insurance, personnel, and other matters related thereto or called for by law, this being to replace the current maintenance and operation taxes that is reasonably expected to generate approximately \$307,142.00 annually?

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$2,800.00.

The said special election will be held at the following polling place situated within the Parish and the District, which poll will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m., and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to-wit:

Precinct No. 814 (Part)
Precinct No. 818 (Part)

TOWERS BUILDING, 520 OLD SPANISH TRAIL, SLIDELL, LOUISIANA

The polling place set forth above is hereby designated as the polling place at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions in Chapter 5, Chapter 6-A and Chapter 6-B of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefore as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place on May 3, 2023, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said special election. All registered voters in the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used thereat.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED, at Slidell, Louisiana, on this _____ day of January, 2023.

ATTEST:

Secretary

President

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY

I, the undersigned Secretary of Drainage District No. 4 of St. Tammany Parish, (the “Governing Authority”), the Governing Authority of Drainage District No. 4 do hereby certify that the foregoing five (5) pages constitute a true and correct copy of the proceedings taken by the Governing Authority on January 11, 2023, ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish and the District to authorize the replacement of the existing maintenance and operation taxes therein, making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature and the impress of the official seal of the Parish and the District at Slidell, Louisiana, on this, the _____ day of January, 2023.

Secretary

(SEAL)

TO: STATE BOND COMMISSION
Baton Rouge, LA

Application for Approval
Submitted by:

DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 4 OF ST. TAMMANY PARISH, STATE OF
LOUISIANA

Authority to hold a special election in Drainage District No. 4 of St. Tammany Parish, State of Louisiana (the "District"), on Saturday, April 29, 2023, to submit to the electors of the District the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION NO. 1
(Replacement of Existing Maintenance and Operation Taxes)

Shall Drainage District No. 4 of the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to replace the existing \$96.00 maintenance and operation tax which is current through the year 2024 and existing \$39.00 additional maintenance and operation tax that is current through the year 2026, for a five year term, with a new maintenance and operation tax on each landowner of record within the District in the amount of \$253.00 for each 10,000 square feet of each lot and parcel owned, beginning with the year 2023, and ending with the year 2027, subject to renewal for five year terms by special election, to maintain the levee system, pumping station, pumps, holding ponds, construction of pumping stations, and acquisition of land therefor, and other matters related thereto; and the operation of the District including cost of the pumping station operation staff, salaries of office staff, utilities and fuels, purchase of equipment necessary for the maintenance or operation of the District, contract services, insurance, personnel, and other matters related thereto or called for by law, this being to replace the current maintenance and operation taxes that is reasonably expected to generate approximately \$307,142.00 annually?

All as set forth by Resolution adopted January 11, 2023, by the Board of Commissioners, Drainage District No 4 of St. Tammany Parish, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the District, subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission and the St. Tammany Parish Council, State of Louisiana.

It is the policy of the State Bond Commission that all attorney's fees involved in this matter must be approved by the office of the State Attorney General prior to payment. Although this is not a conditional approval of this application, failure to obtain such approval may result in conditional approvals of such applications by the Bond Commission in the future.