

State of Louisiana

Parish of Grant

In the Name and By the Authority of The Police Jury of Grant Parish

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Johnny Jamison and carried to
adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION:12-2026

A RESOLUTION TO THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES AND THE
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT URGING THAT
ANY PROPOSED DRAWDOWN OF IATT LAKE BE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF FOUR FEET
BELOW POOL STAGE

WHEREAS, Iatt Lake is a 7,100-acre impounded swamp located in Grant Parish, Louisiana, and
is a vital natural, recreational, and economic resource for the residents of Grant Parish and the
surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, Iatt Lake supports a diverse community of anglers, waterfowl hunters, and outdoor
recreationists, with extensive shoreline development that includes numerous residential and recreational
properties; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Parish Police Jury recognizes the importance of maintaining the ecological health
and recreational value of Iatt Lake, while balancing the needs of local residents and stakeholders who rely
on the lake for enjoyment and economic activity; and

WHEREAS, Iatt Lake is prone to heavy infestations of aquatic vegetation, particularly giant salvinia
(*Salvinia molesta*), due to its shallow average depth, forested structure, and minimal water level
fluctuation, which create ideal growing conditions for invasive plant species; and

WHEREAS, since the lake's impoundment in the 1950s, aquatic vegetation management has presented an
ongoing challenge, requiring a combination of control strategies, including drawdowns, herbicide
application, and biological controls such as stocking of triploid grass carp and salvinia weevils; and

WHEREAS, drawdowns have long been a tool used by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries (LDWF) to manage aquatic vegetation in Iatt Lake, in cooperation with the Louisiana
Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), which operates and maintains the water control
structure; and

WHEREAS, while past drawdowns have ranged from 5 to 11 feet below pool elevation, these more
severe drawdowns have often been met with opposition due to significant limitations on lake access,
adverse impacts to recreation, and extended recovery periods before water levels return to normal; and

WHEREAS, in both 2021 and 2022, LDWF implemented a drawdown of approximately four feet below
normal pool stage, and this strategy proved effective at reducing vegetation, while still maintaining
reasonable access to the lake for recreational use; and

WHEREAS, feedback from local residents, lake users, and stakeholders during and after the 2021 and 2022 drawdowns reflected broad support for the 4-foot drawdown strategy as a balanced and practical approach that meets both vegetation control goals and community needs, with gates for drawdown opening June 1st and closing September 1st; and

WHEREAS, LDWF has recognized in its reports that integrated management—including limited drawdowns, biological controls, and targeted herbicide applications—is the most sustainable and effective strategy for long-term vegetation management in Iatt Lake;

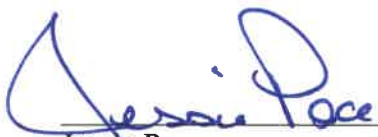
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grant Parish Police Jury hereby urges the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to limit any future drawdown of Iatt Lake to a maximum of four feet below normal pool elevation, except in cases of emergency maintenance or unforeseen environmental circumstances;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, with a formal request for their consideration and implementation of this policy in any future lake management planning and operations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Grant Parish Police Jury remains committed to working cooperatively with LDWF, DOTD, and the public to ensure the continued health, accessibility, and sustainability of Iatt Lake.

This resolution was introduced, seconded, and duly adopted by the Grant Parish Police Jury on this 11th day of June, 2026.

Passed, approved and adopted this 11th day of June, 2026.



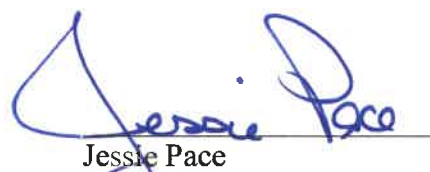
Jessie Pace
Secretary/Treasurer/Parish Manager
Grant Parish Police Jury



Cephas Bowie Jr.
President
Grant Parish Police Jury

CERTIFICATE

I, Jessie Pace, Secretary/Treasurer of the Grant Parish Police Jury, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the President and Police Jurors of the Grant Parish Police Jury on June 11, 2026.



Jessie Pace
Secretary/Treasurer/Parish Manager
Grant Parish Police Jury