

AMITE RIVER BASIN DRAINAGE & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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BATON ROUGE, LA 70816-2255

On the motion of Cointment, seconded by O'Neal, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 1163

A Resolution to submit the New River Stormwater Management Pump Station Project, located in Ascension Parish, to the Louisiana Watershed Initiative for funding.

WHEREAS, the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District was established pursuant to La. R.S. 38:3301 and is comprised of that geographical area within the watershed limits of the Amite River and Tributaries Basin;

WHEREAS, the management and control of the district shall be vested in a board of commissioners for the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District. The board shall have the authority to establish adequate drainage, flood control, and water resources development to include but not be limited to construction of reservoirs, diversion canals, gravity and pumped drainage systems, and other flood control works. (La. Stat. Ann. § 38:3302);

WHEREAS, the board shall be vested with certain authority over public drainage, flood control and water resources development, reservoirs, and diversion canals in the district and shall have the authority to construct and maintain drainage works of all types either in cooperation with one or more parishes, municipalities, drainage districts, or other special districts within its territorial jurisdiction or upon its own undertaking. (La. Stat. Ann. § 38:3306);

WHEREAS, in 2018, Gov. John Bel Edwards launched the Louisiana Watershed Initiative, governed by the Council on Watershed Management established via executive order, to reform the state's approach to flood mitigation;

WHEREAS, HR 181 of the 2022 Regular Session, urged and requested the Office of Community Development to create an independent watershed region for the Amite River Basin;

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2022, the Council on Watershed Management designated the Amite River Basin as watershed Region 9 of the Louisiana Watershed Initiative;

WHEREAS, the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District Board of Commissioners was designated as the Steering Committee for Region 9 of the Louisiana Watershed Initiative;

WHEREAS, flood mitigation projects are to be submitted to the Louisiana Watershed Initiative for potential funding;

WHEREAS, the New River Stormwater Management Pump Station Project, located in Ascension Parish, is two-part structural project to construct a pump station to divert water out of Spanish Lake and Bluff Swamp, and is designated as Ascension Parish's number one flood mitigation project for submission;

WHEREAS, the approximate cost of the New River Stormwater Management Pump Station Project is \$104,200,082.40.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District (the "Governing Authority"), in regular session assembled, desires, on behalf of Region 9, to submit the New River Stormwater Management Pump Station Project to the Louisiana Watershed Initiative for funding.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote thereon as follows:

YEAS: Bailey, Clark, Cointment, Larousse, Ferlito, Harrell, Harris, O'Neal, Parker, Raiford

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Carter, Fitch, Shelton

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carries, and the resolution was declared adopted on this 16th day of May, 2023.

I, Toni Guitrau, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and certified copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District at its regular meeting on May 16, 2023, at which a quorum was present and that the motion adopted is still in effect and has not been rescinded or revoked.



Toni Guitrau
Executive Secretary