

**RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
FOR THE PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE**
Regular Meeting – 5:00 p.m.
BREC Administration Building
6201 Florida Boulevard
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Commission Minutes
March 28, 2024

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge (BREC) was held at BREC's Administrative Offices on March 28, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Chairman Kenneth Pointer. Superintendent Corey Wilson offered the invocation. The Chairman led the pledge of allegiance. Roll was taken and a quorum of Commissioners was present including Kenneth Pointer, Chair; Donna Collins Lewis, Vice Chair; Clarice Gordon; Trina Hall; Nathan Rust, and Rossie Washington, Jr. Commissioners Jason Hughes, Dwayne Rogers, and Collis Temple, Jr. were absent. Staff members present were Corey K. Wilson, Superintendent; Reed Richard, Assistant Superintendent of System Planning; Brandon Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Recreation; Aneatra Boykin, Chief Administrative Officer; Andrea Roberts, Chief Operating Officer; Angela Harms; Darlene Jarvis; Steven Knight; RaHarold Lawson; Cheryl Michelet; Mike Raby; Rhonda Williams; and Chris Marchiafava. Murphy Foster and Tracy Morganti, legal counsel; Baton Rouge Zoo Foundation Executive Director Dee Blake; and BREC Foundation Executive Director Carl Stages were also in attendance. The rest of the audience consisted of other BREC staff and the public.

Public Comment

The Chairman announced that public comment would be allowed prior to a vote being taken on any agenda action item and explained the process to be observed.

Adoption of Minutes

Resolved, That the reading of the minutes of the Recreation and Park Commission Meeting of February 29, 2024 be dispensed with, and that they be approved as written.

Motion to approve by Ms. Lewis

Second by Ms. Gordon

Unanimously approved

Consent Calendar

Resolved, That the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge does hereby approve the Consent Calendar items.

Motion by Mr. Washington

Second by Ms. Gordon

Unanimously approved

The following item was approved as part of the Consent Calendar:

Acceptance of Recommendations from the Human Resources Advisory Committee

Resolved, That the Commission approve the Routine Personnel Transactions from February 15, 2024 to March 13, 2024.

Presentations

Chairman Pointer recognized Superintendent Wilson who presented employee service awards to the following staff:

5 Years

Terry Dawson
Angela Dixon
Natalie Hollis
Robin McAndrew

10 Years

Michael Ringo

15 Years

Phillip Parker

The Commission viewed a brief video highlighting various upcoming events throughout the parish during the month of April.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

Chairman Pointer recognized Superintendent Wilson to provide the Superintendent's report. The Superintendent stated that there was one item under Administrative Matters. He then read the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Commission accept the 2023 Annual Report.

Motion by Mr. Washington

Second by Mr. Rust

Unanimously approved

Under Communications, Superintendent Wilson reviewed the February 2024 attendance report and noted that attendance was up for recreation and at the golf courses. BREC was recognized at the Metro Council meeting by Mayor Broome and Councilmember Banks for the reaccreditation of the Zoo. The Superintendent was a keynote speaker at the Parks and Greenspace Conference in Atlanta to share information about BREC's Community Engagement Policy and he was joined at the conference by Andrea Roberts who helped develop the policy. He shared some information about the different aspects of the conference. BREC received a grant from the Trust for Public Land to help advance the ten-minute walk initiative so everyone can be only a ten-minute walk from a park. Superintendent Wilson told the Commission about the success of the Rockin' at the Swamp event with 1,542 attendees. He also informed them about the egg hunts for children in addition to an adult only egg hunt. The Superintendent noted that summer camp registration is at 60% capacity. He shared information about the upcoming Late Night Hype event at Gus Young Avenue Park on April 5 to help get kids active and impact crime in the area. The Superintendent stated that April 30 will be Parks and Rec Day at the state capitol. He also stated that the consultants working with BREC on the ten-year systemwide master plan were in Baton Rouge to help conduct two public community meetings and meet with staff.

The Communications and Information Systems Committee report was information only.

Chairman Pointer recognized Commissioner Hall for the Finance Advisory Committee report. Ms. Hall asked Rhonda Williams, Interim Finance Director, to read the following resolutions:

Resolved, that the Commission accept the unaudited amended financial statements for the month ending December 31, 2023, and the fiscal year-to-date period ending December 31, 2023, as presented.

Resolved, that the Commission accept the unaudited financial statements for the month ending and fiscal year-to-date period ending January 31, 2024, as presented.

Motion by Mr. Rust
Second by Mr. Washington
Unanimously approved

Ms. Hall noted that the next items were under Contracts and Bids. Mr. Williams then read the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Commission award Sealed Bid 1832A – BREC Annual Contract for Dirt, Sand, Gravel and Clay, to the lowest responsive bidders, Arena Industrial, Inc. for Items C, F, and G and Cody Edwards Trucking, LLC for Items L through V at prices listed on their bids. The total estimated annual contract usage is \$48,000. Contract will be for 12 months, with the option to renew for two additional 12-month terms, at the same prices, terms and conditions, not to exceed 36 months; additionally approve extending the current annual contract through April 30, 2024 in order to rebid the items that were not awarded.

Motion to approve by Mr. Washington
Second by Mr. Rust
Unanimously approved

Ms. Hall then read the next resolution:

Resolved, That the Commission approve awarding Sealed Bid 1833 – Flanacher Park HVAC and Termite Damage Repairs to lowest responsive bidder, Campbell Development Company, Inc. for the base bid of \$289,000.

Motion to approve by Mr. Washington
Second by Mr. Rust
Unanimously approved

Ms. Williams then read the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Commission approve a contract with Triumph Construction, LLC. in the amount of \$5,277,000 for the Scotlandville Parkway to Downtown Baton Rouge Trail (CMAQ), which includes off-road concrete paths and sidewalks, landscaping, on-street bike facility pavement markings, signage and wayfinding, crosswalks, trailhead stations with site furnishings and bike repair racks, pedestrian rapid flashing beacons and traffic signals, lighting, and related work, extending 5.9 miles from Monte Sano Avenue to N. 19th Street at Memorial Park and northern areas of downtown Baton Rouge. This project was advertised, received, and the bid was accepted by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development under State Project H.013267.6-R1 – 80% / BREC – 20%.

Motion by Ms. Hall
Second by Ms. Lewis
Approved without objection

The Golf Committee report was information only.

The Human Resources Advisory Committee routine transactions were approved on the consent calendar.

The Recreation Committee report was information only.

The Zoo Committee report was information only.

The Chairman recognized Ms. Hall for the Selection of Professionals report. Chief Administrative Officer Aneatra Boykin came to the podium to present the first item and read the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Commission approve renewing contract 2023000026 with Hope Ministries of Baton Rouge to continue the services outlined in the agreement to provide leadership training and coaching to BREC's executive team in the amount is \$70,000 with the term ending on December 31, 2024.

Motion to approve by Ms. Gordon
Second by Ms. Hall
Unanimously approved

Ms. Hall read the following resolution:

Resolved, the Commission approve a contract with Tilt, LLC for the services including graphic design, web development and maintenance, marketing strategy, etc. in the amount of \$60,000 from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024, with the option to renew for two additional twelve month periods at \$60,000 with the same terms and conditions. Contract not to exceed thirty-six months.

Ms. Lewis asked if Tilt had done any work on the contract yet since it is already almost 90 days into the contract period. Zoo Director Jim Fleshman stated that they had helped with Zoo marketing strategies and social media. Ms. Lewis asked why the contract was not brought earlier. Mr. Fleshman said that it slipped through, but the Superintendent caught it as it was going through the approval process.

Motion to approve the contract with Tilt, LLC by Mr. Rust
Second by Mr. Washington
Unanimously approved

Ms. Hall read the following resolution:

Resolved, the Commission approve a contract with Dr. Sean Perry, DVM to provide temporary veterinary services at an annual rate of \$67,572 from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

Motion by Mr. Rust
Second by Mr. Washington
Approved by unanimous consent

Ms. Hall stated that the amount of the following contract was amended in the Selection of Professionals Committee meeting. She then read the resolution with the amended amount as follows:

Resolved, that the Commission approve a contract with CSRS, LLC to provide Survey Services, Permit Coordination, Design Services, Construction Plan Submittals and Plan Review Coordination with DOTD, Hydraulic Calculations Report, LA DOTD Design Report and Design Exception Report, Final Design Construction Plans for Highway 19 at Greenwood Community Park Entrance Drive Intersection Improvements for a fee NTE \$290,059; authorize superintendent to execute appropriate documents.

Motion to approve by Mr. Washington
Second by Ms. Gordon
Unanimously approved

Reports of Special Committees

None

The Chairman stated the motion by Mr. Washington was to amend the resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the Commission approve a cooperative endeavor agreement with Friends of the Baton Rouge Zoo, authorizing the expenditure of 50% of the \$300,000 originally allocated or \$150,000. Authorize the Superintendent to execute the necessary documents, pending final legal review.

Ms. Lewis seconded the motion.

Approved unanimously

Chairman Kenneth Pointer announced that the next item of business on the agenda was to hold a public hearing and Superintendent and Ex Officio Secretary Corey K. Wilson then stated the following for adoption, a resolution ordering and calling a Special Election to be held by the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge ("*BREC*"), in the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, on November 5, 2024, for the purpose of authorizing (i) the renewal of the levy and collection of the 4.10 mills ad valorem tax, for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the tax collection for the year 2025, and annually thereafter to and including the year 2034, one-half of the proceeds of said tax to provide funds for acquiring and developing land, buildings, machinery and equipment for the public parks and recreational properties and facilities of BREC, and one-half of the proceeds of said tax to provide funds for maintaining and operating such public parks and recreational properties and facilities of BREC and other existing public parks and recreational properties and facilities of BREC and making available funds for the operating budget of BREC; and (ii) the renewal of the levy and collection of the 2.10 mills ad valorem tax, for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the tax collection for the year 2025, and annually thereafter to and including the year 2034, to provide funds for maintaining and operating the public parks and recreational properties and facilities of BREC and making available funds for the operating budget of BREC; making application to the Louisiana State Bond Commission; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Chairman Pointer announced the opening of the public hearing and asked for members of the public interested in speaking on the item to come forward. There being no members of the public wishing to speak, Chairman Pointer closed the public hearing. Ms. Lewis moved that the resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Washington and unanimously carried. The results of the roll call vote are as follows:

Yeas: 6 Ms. Gordon, Ms. Hall, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Pointer, Mr. Rust, Mr. Washington
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 3 Mr. Hughes, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Temple

The Resolution provides as follows:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION ORDERING AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD BY THE RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION FOR THE PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE ("*BREC*"), IN THE PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING (i) THE RENEWAL OF THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF THE 4.10 MILLS AD VALOREM TAX, FOR A PERIOD OF TEN (10) YEARS, COMMENCING WITH THE TAX COLLECTION FOR THE YEAR 2025, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER TO AND INCLUDING THE YEAR 2034, ONE-HALF OF THE PROCEEDS OF SAID TAX TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR ACQUIRING

AND DEVELOPING LAND, BUILDINGS, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE PUBLIC PARKS AND RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES AND FACILITIES OF BREC, AND ONE-HALF OF THE PROCEEDS OF SAID TAX TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR MAINTAINING AND OPERATING SUCH PUBLIC PARKS AND RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES AND FACILITIES OF BREC AND OTHER EXISTING PUBLIC PARKS AND RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES AND FACILITIES OF BREC AND MAKING AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR THE OPERATING BUDGET OF BREC; AND (ii) THE RENEWAL OF THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF THE 2.10 MILLS AD VALOREM TAX, FOR A PERIOD OF TEN (10) YEARS, COMMENCING WITH THE TAX COLLECTION FOR THE YEAR 2025, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER TO AND INCLUDING THE YEAR 2034, TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR MAINTAINING AND OPERATING THE PUBLIC PARKS AND RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES AND FACILITIES OF BREC AND MAKING AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR THE OPERATING BUDGET OF BREC; MAKING APPLICATION TO THE LOUISIANA STATE BOND COMMISSION; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge (the "*Board*"), acting as governing authority of the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge ("*BREC*"), desires to order and call a special election to be held in the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana (the "*Parish*"), on November 5, 2024 (the "*Election*"), to authorize (i) the renewal of the 4.10 mills ad valorem tax, for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the tax collection for the year 2025, and annually thereafter to and including the year 2034, one-half of the proceeds of said tax to provide funds for acquiring and developing land, buildings, machinery and equipment for the public parks and recreational properties and facilities of BREC, and one-half of the proceeds of said tax to provide funds for maintaining and operating such public parks and recreational properties and facilities of BREC and other existing public parks and recreational properties and facilities of BREC and making available funds for the operating budget of BREC; and (ii) the renewal of the 2.10 mills ad valorem tax, for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the tax collection for the year 2025, and annually thereafter to and including the year 2034, to provide funds for maintaining and operating the public parks and recreational properties and facilities of BREC and making available funds for the operating budget of BREC; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board, acting as the governing authority of BREC that:

SECTION 1. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission and under and pursuant to the authority conferred by Article VI, Section 32 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974 (the "*Constitution*"), Section 4570.4(B) of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and the applicable provisions of Chapter 6 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, the Election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Parish, on Tuesday November 5, 2024, between the hours of seven (7:00) o'clock a.m. and eight (8:00) o'clock p.m., in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 18:541), and that at the Election there shall be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish of East Baton Rouge qualified and entitled to vote at the Election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States of America, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION

Shall the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge ("BREC"), be authorized to renew the levy of (i) a 4.10 mills property tax (an estimated \$22,430,127.86 is reasonably expected to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, commencing in 2025, 50% of the proceeds thereof be used to provide funds for acquiring and developing land, buildings, machinery and equipment for the public parks and recreational properties and facilities of BREC, and 50% of the proceeds of said tax to be used to provide funds for maintaining and operating such public parks and recreational properties and facilities of BREC and other existing public parks and recreational properties and facilities of BREC and making available funds for the operating budget of BREC; and (ii) a 2.10 mills tax (an estimated \$11,488,717.23 is reasonably expected to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, commencing in 2025, to provide funds for maintaining and operating the public parks and recreational properties and facilities of BREC, and making available funds for the operating budget of BREC?

SECTION 2. Conditioned on the passage of the ad valorem taxes at the Election authorized pursuant to this Resolution, (i) all avails or proceeds of the ad valorem tax of 4.10 mills on the dollar of assessed valuation of all property subject to taxation within the boundaries of the Parish, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the tax collection for the year 2025, and annually thereafter to and including the year 2034, shall be used as follows: (a) 50% of the proceeds of said ad valorem tax to be used to provide funds for acquiring and developing land, buildings, machinery and equipment for the public parks and recreational properties and facilities of BREC, and (b) 50% of the proceeds of said ad valorem tax to be used to provide funds for maintaining and operating such public parks and recreational properties and facilities of BREC and other existing public parks and recreational properties and facilities of BREC, and making available funds for the operating budget of BREC; and (ii) all avails or proceeds of the ad valorem tax of 2.10 mills on the dollars of the assessed valuation of all property subject to taxation within the boundaries of the Parish, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the tax collection for the year 2025, and annually thereafter to and including the year 2034, shall be used to provide funds for maintaining and operating the public parks and recreational properties and facilities of BREC, and making available funds for the operating budget of BREC.

SECTION 3. In accordance with La. R.S. 18:1285, there shall be published in "*The Advocate*", a daily newspaper of general circulation within the Parish, published in the City of Baton Rouge, and being the official journal of BREC, once a week for four (4) 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 the Election, notice of the Election, which notice shall be substantially in accordance with the Notice of Special Election annexed hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

SECTION 4. The Board shall meet at its regular meeting place, BREC's Administration Building, 6201 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806, on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024, at FIVE (5:00) O'CLOCK P.M., and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvas the returns and declare the result of the Election.

SECTION 5. The polling places situated within the corporate limits of the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the Election in accordance with Section 1286(A) or Section 1286.1, as the case may be, of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of

1950, as amended, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be those persons designated according to law in accordance with Section 1286(A) or Section 1286.1, as the case may be, of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

SECTION 6. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, pursuant to Section 5 hereof and in accordance with Section 1286(A) or Section 1286.1, as the case may be, of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in compliance with Section 1287 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, shall hold the Election as herein provided, shall make due returns of the Election for the meeting of the Board to be held on November 21, 2024, and that the compensation of said officers be and the same is hereby fixed at the sum prescribed by law. All registered voters in the Parish are entitled to vote at the Election and voting machines shall be used thereat.

SECTION 7. The Superintendent of BREC is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to the Election officers in ample time for the holding of the Election the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of the Election.

SECTION 8. In accordance with La. R.S. 18:1285(B)(1), 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, and the Registrar of Voters in and for the Parish, as notification of the Election herein called in order that each may prepare for the Election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 9. Application be and the same is hereby formally authorized to be made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the Election as herein provided, and that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of the Board, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of said application.

SECTION 10. Pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 768 of the 2006 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, being La. R.S. 18:1284(C), an estimated \$22,430,127.86 is reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the 4.10 mills ad valorem tax for an entire year, and an estimated \$11,488,717.23 is reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the 2.10 mills ad valorem tax for an entire year.

SECTION 11. Pursuant to the provisions of La. R.S. 18:1285(A)(1)(a)(v), the estimated cost of the Election is \$24,300, as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and actual costs of similar elections.

Thereupon the Resolution was signed and approved by the Chair, attested by the Superintendent and Ex-Officio Secretary and declared to be adopted and effective on this, the 28th day of March, 2024.

/s/ Kenneth Pointer
Kenneth Pointer
Chairman

ATTEST:
/s/ Corey K. Wilson
Corey K. Wilson

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted on March 28, 2024, by the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge ("*BREC*"), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 (the "*Election*"), and that at the Election there will be submitted to all registered voters of the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana (the "*Parish*"), qualified and entitled to vote at the Election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States of America, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION

Shall the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge ("*BREC*"), be authorized to renew the levy of (i) a 4.10 mills property tax (an estimated \$22,430,127.86 is reasonably expected to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, commencing in 2025, 50% of the proceeds thereof be used to provide funds for acquiring and developing land, buildings, machinery and equipment for the public parks and recreational properties and facilities of BREC, and 50% of the proceeds of said tax to be used to provide funds for maintaining and operating such public parks and recreational properties and facilities of BREC and other existing public parks and recreational properties and facilities of BREC and making available funds for the operating budget of BREC; and (ii) a 2.10 mills tax (an estimated \$11,488,717.23 is reasonably expected to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, commencing in 2025, to provide funds for maintaining and operating the public parks and recreational properties and facilities of BREC, and making available funds for the operating budget of BREC?

The Election will be held at all polling places situated within the corporate limits of the Parish, which polling places will open at seven (7:00) o'clock a.m., and close at eight (8:00) o'clock p.m., in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 18:541)

All polling places situated within the corporate limits of the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places in which to hold the Election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law pursuant to Section 1286(A) or Section 1286.1, as the case may be, of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

Notice is further given, pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1285(A)(1)(a)(iii), that a portion of the moneys collected from the ad valorem taxes described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

Notice is further given, pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1285(A)(1)(a)(v), that the estimated cost of the Election is \$24,300, as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and actual costs of similar elections.

The Election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5, Chapter 6 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, and the officers appointed to hold the Election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with Section 1287 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 18:1287), will make due returns thereof to the Board of Commissioners of BREC, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that said Board of Commissioners of BREC will meet at its regular meeting place, BREC's Administration Building, 6201 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806, on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024, at FIVE (5:00) O'CLOCK P.M., and will then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the Election. All registered voters in the Parish are entitled to vote at the Election and voting machines will be used thereat.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on this, the 28th day of March, 2024.

By: /s/ Kenneth Pointer

Kenneth Pointer
Chairman

The next item of business on the agenda as stated by Superintendent and Ex Officio Secretary Corey K. Wilson was a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held by the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge ("BREC"), in the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, on November 5, 2024, for the purpose of authorizing the levy and collection of a 3.253 mills ad valorem tax, for a period of twenty (20) years, commencing with the tax collection for the year 2025, and annually thereafter to and including the year 2044, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, renovating, operating and maintaining public parks, recreational properties, and facilities of BREC and acquire the necessary furnishings, machinery and equipment therefore, title to which shall be in the public, with the proceeds of the tax to be specifically used for the purpose of funding the Strategic Master Plan approved and adopted by the Board of Commissioners of BREC on August 22, 2024; making application to the Louisiana State Bond Commission; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Superintendent Wilson stated that this was a revised resolution from the one previously provided in the meeting notice. He asked Ms. Boykin to explain the reason for the revision. She noted that the statute provided that the resolution was limited to 200 words, so some of the words describing the purpose for the tax and what BREC intended to do with the funds were changed. The Superintendent clarified that it was the proposition that had the 200 word limit.

Chairman Pointer announced the opening of the public hearing and asked for members of the public interested in speaking on the item to come forward. The Chairman then recognized Ms. Jennifer Carwile to speak on the item. She stated that she was excited about the ten-year plan but was concerned about people from under-resourced areas being able to come to the public meetings to give input. Ms. Carwile, who spoke at a recent Commission meeting in support of Front Yard Bikes, expressed her hope that Front Yard Bikes and others who may need help advocating on their own behalf will have their needs considered and that everyone gets some good, new stuff. There being no other members of the public wishing to speak, Chairman Pointer closed the public hearing.

Mr. Washington moved that the resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hall and unanimously carried. The results of the roll call vote are as follows:

Yeas: 6 Ms. Gordon, Ms. Hall, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Pointer, Mr. Rust, Mr. Washington

Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 3 Mr. Hughes, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Temple

The Resolution provides as follows:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION ORDERING AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD BY THE RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION FOR THE PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE ("*BREC*"), IN THE PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF A 3.253 MILLS AD VALOREM TAX, FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY (20) YEARS, COMMENCING WITH THE TAX COLLECTION FOR THE YEAR 2025, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER TO AND INCLUDING THE YEAR 2044, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, RENOVATING, OPERATING AND MAINTAINING PUBLIC PARKS, RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES, AND FACILITIES OF BREC AND ACQUIRE THE NECESSARY FURNISHINGS, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT THEREFORE, TITLE TO WHICH SHALL BE IN THE PUBLIC, WITH THE PROCEEDS OF THE TAX TO BE SPECIFICALLY USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE STRATEGIC MASTER PLAN APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BREC ON AUGUST 22, 2024; MAKING APPLICATION TO THE LOUISIANA STATE BOND COMMISSION; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge (the "*Board*"), acting as governing authority of the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge ("*BREC*"), desires to order and call a special election to be held in the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana (the "*Parish*") on November 5, 2024 (the "*Election*"), to authorize the levy and collection of a 3.253 mills ad valorem tax, for a period of twenty (20) years, commencing with the tax collection for the year 2025, and annually thereafter to and including the year 2044, for the purpose of providing funds to purchase, acquire, construct, develop, improve, operate and maintain public parks, playgrounds and recreational properties and facilities of BREC within the Parish, and acquire the necessary furnishings, machinery and equipment therefor, title to which shall be in the public, with the proceeds of said tax to be specifically used for the purpose of funding the Strategic Master Plan approved and adopted by the Board of Commissioners of BREC on August 22, 2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board, acting as the governing authority of BREC that:

SECTION 1. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission and under and pursuant to the authority conferred by Article VI, Section 32 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974 (the "*Constitution*"), Section 4570.4(B) of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and the applicable provisions of Chapter 6 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, the Election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana (the "*Parish*"), on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024, between the hours of six (6:00) o'clock a.m. and eight (8:00) o'clock p.m., in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as

amended (La. R.S. 18:541), and that at the Election there shall be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the Election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States of America, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION

Shall the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge ("BREC"), under the provisions of Article VI, Section 32 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, Section 4570.4(B) of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, be authorized to levy and collect, and adopt an ordinance providing for such levy and collection of, a 3.253 mills tax (the "Tax") on all property subject to taxation in the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana (the "Parish") (estimated \$17,796,291.29 is reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for a period of twenty (20) years, commencing with the year 2025, and annually thereafter to and including the year 2044, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, renovating, operating and maintaining public parks, recreational properties, and facilities of BREC and acquire the necessary furnishings, machinery and equipment therefore, title to which shall be in the public, with the proceeds of the Tax to be specifically used for the purpose of funding the Strategic Master Plan approved and adopted by the Board of Commissioners of BREC on August 22, 2024?

SECTION 2. Conditioned on the passage of the ad valorem taxes at the Election authorized pursuant to this Resolution, all avails or proceeds of the ad valorem tax of 3.253 mills on the dollar of assessed valuation of all property subject to taxation within the boundaries of the Parish, for a period of twenty (20) years, beginning with the tax collection for the year 2025, and annually thereafter to and including the year 2044, shall be used exclusively to provide funds to purchase, acquire, construct, develop, improve, operate and maintain public parks, playgrounds and recreational properties and facilities of BREC within the Parish, and acquire the necessary furnishings, machinery and equipment therefor, title to which shall be in the public, with the proceeds of said tax to be specifically used for the purpose of funding the Strategic Master Plan approved and adopted by the Board on August 22, 2024.

SECTION 3. In accordance with La. R.S. 18:1285, there shall be published in "*The Advocate*," a daily newspaper of general circulation within the Parish, published in the City of Baton Rouge, and being the official journal of BREC, once a week for four (4) 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 the Election, notice of the Election, which notice shall be substantially in accordance with the Notice of Special Election annexed hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

SECTION 4. The Board shall meet at its regular meeting place, BREC's Administration Building, 6201 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806, on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024, at FIVE (5:00) O'CLOCK P.M., and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvas the returns and declare the result of the Election.

SECTION 5. Each and every polling place situated within the corporate limits of the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the Election in accordance with Section 1286(A) or Section 1286.1, as the case may be, of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised

Statutes of 1950, as amended, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be those persons designated according to law in accordance with Section 1286(A) or Section 1286.1, as the case may be, of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

SECTION 6. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, pursuant to Section 5 hereof and in accordance with Section 1286(A) or Section 1286.1, as the case may be, of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in compliance with Section 1287 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, shall hold the Election as herein provided, shall make due returns of the Election for the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of BREC to be held on November 21, 2024, and that the compensation of said officers be and the same is hereby fixed at the sum prescribed by law. All registered voters in the Parish are entitled to vote at the said special election and voting machines shall be used thereat.

SECTION 7. The Superintendent of BREC is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of the Election the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election.

SECTION 8. In accordance with La. R.S. 18:1285(B)(1), 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, and the Registrar of Voters in and for the Parish, as notification of the Election herein called in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 9. Application is hereby formally authorized to be made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the aforesaid special election as herein provided, and a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of BREC, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of said application.

SECTION 10. Pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 768 of the 2006 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, being La. R.S. 18:1284(C), an estimated \$17,796,291.29 is reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year.

SECTION 11. Pursuant to the provisions of La. R.S. 18:1285(A)(1)(a)(v), the estimated cost of the Election is \$24,300, as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and actual costs of similar elections.

Thereupon the Resolution was signed and approved by the Chairman, attested by the Superintendent and Ex-Officio Secretary and declared to be adopted and effective on this, the 28th day of March, 2024.

/s/ Kenneth Pointer
Kenneth Pointer
Chairman

ATTEST:
/s/ Corey K. Wilson
Corey K. Wilson

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted on March 28, 2024, by the Recreation and Parks Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge ("*BREC*"), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024 (the "*Election*"), and that at the Election there will be submitted to all registered voters of the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States of America, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION

Shall the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge ("*BREC*"), under the provisions of Article VI, Section 32 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, Section 4570.4(B) of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, be authorized to levy and collect, and adopt an ordinance providing for such levy and collection of, a 3.253 mills tax (the "*Tax*") on all property subject to taxation in the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana (the "*Parish*") (estimated \$17,796,291.29 is reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for a period of twenty (20) years, commencing with the year 2025, and annually thereafter to and including the year 2044, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, renovating, operating and maintaining public parks, recreational properties, and facilities of BREC and acquire the necessary furnishings, machinery and equipment therefore, title to which shall be in the public, with the proceeds of the Tax to be specifically used for the purpose of funding the Strategic Master Plan approved and adopted by the Board of Commissioners of BREC on August 22, 2024?

The Election will be held at each and every polling place situated within the corporate limits of the Parish, which polls will open at six (6:00) o'clock a.m., and close at eight (8:00) o'clock p.m., in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 18:541).

Each and every polling place situated within the corporate limits of the Parish of East Baton Rouge are hereby designated as the polling places in which to hold the Election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law pursuant to Section 1286(A) or Section 1286.1, as the case may be, of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

Notice is further given, pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1285(A)(1)(a)(iii), that a portion of the moneys collected from the ad valorem taxes described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

Notice is further given, pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1285(A)(1)(a)(v), that the estimated cost of the Election is \$17,796,291.29, as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions

of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and actual costs of similar elections.

The Election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5, Chapter 6 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, and the officers appointed to hold the Election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with Section 1287 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 18:1287), will make due returns thereof to the Board of Commissioners of BREC, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that said Board of Commissioners of BREC will meet at its regular meeting place, BREC's Administration Building, 6201 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70806, on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2024, at FIVE (5:00) O'CLOCK P.M., and will then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the special election. All registered voters in the Parish of East Baton Rouge are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used thereat.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on this, the 28th day of March, 2024.

By: /s/ Kenneth Pointer

Kenneth Pointer
Chairman

After the resolution was approved, Ms. Lewis spoke referenced Ms. Carwile's concern about under-represented neighborhoods. She encouraged using multiple methods for gathering input to be sure every community has an opportunity to participate in the ten-year master plan.

New Business

Chairman Pointer stated the next item was an executive session. The Chairman made a motion to delete the item from the agenda since Commissioner Rogers, who had requested the item, was absent. Mr. Washington seconded the motion to delete, and it was unanimously approved.

Adjournment

The Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn, Ms. Lewis moved, Mr. Washington seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m. without objection.

Corey K. Wilson, Superintendent
and Ex-Officio Secretary

Kenneth Pointer, Chairman

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