

RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION OF THE VERMILION PARISH POLICE JURY SUPPORTING THE ACADIAN HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION'S PROPOSED SOLUTION TO UTILIZE A PORTION OF THE COMMUNITY GRANT DOLLARS FROM THE FEDERAL HURRICANE RELIEF DOLLARS TO FOUR-LANE VEROT SCHOOL ROAD (A HURRICANE EVACUATION ROUTE) FROM HIGHWAY 90 TO ERATH, LOUISIANA

BE IT RESOLVED by the Vermilion Parish Police Jury, that:

WHEREAS, the parish of Vermilion, while not suffering a direct hit from the two devastating hurricanes last year, has experienced unprecedented population growth, adding to Lafayette's already robust economy; and

WHEREAS, every citizen of Vermilion Parish is aware of the tremendous impact it has had on our already crowded roadways; and

WHEREAS, Vermilion Parish's infrastructure, some of which are state highways, have served for years as woefully inadequate hurricane evacuation routes for many in lower lying Vermilion and Cameron Parishes; namely, Verot School Road; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of lower Vermilion Parish do not have an adequate highway system to effectively move them out of harm's way quickly to Highway 90; and

WHEREAS, the Acadian Home Builders Association would like to propose a solution to the dilemma, which would ultimately benefit both Vermilion and the state's hurricane evacuation plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Vermilion Parish Police Jury, that:

SECTION 1: All of the aforescribed "Whereas" clauses are adopted as part of this resolution.

SECTION 2: The Acadian Home Builders Association's proposal would be to utilize a portion of the Community Grant Dollars from the federal hurricane relief dollars to four-lane Verot School Road (a hurricane evacuation route) from Highway 90 to Erath, Louisiana.

SECTION 3: Although it does not resolve the entire issue, it would lend itself as a step in the right direction for those citizens who have very limited choices when it comes to accessing a speedy and safe evacuation route.

SECTION 4: The Clerk of the Vermilion Parish is hereby requested and instructed to provide a copy of this resolution to all legislators within the legislative districts of Lafayette Parish, Vermilion Parish and Cameron Parish, Louisiana, so as to request that such legislators take all necessary steps, including the introduction of appropriate legislation, to utilize a portion of the Community Grant Dollars from the federal hurricane relief dollars to four-lane Verot School Road (a hurricane evacuation route) from Highway 90 to Erath, Louisiana.

SECTION 5: All resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

I, Clay P. Menard, Secretary-Treasurer, of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury, do hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Vermilion Parish Police Jury at their meeting held on April 3, 2006, at which a quorum was present and acting.

Clay P. Menard
Secretary-Treasurer
Vermilion Parish Police Jury

