

**RESOLUTION  
2007-R-26**

**A RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO THE PASSAGE OF HOUSE RULE  
NO. 2421, THE CLEAN WATER RESTORATION ACT OF 2007**

**WHEREAS**, House Rule No. 2421 is set to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the United States over waters of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, eliminating the word “navigable” from the definition of “Waters in the U.S.” places all bodies of water, even drainage ditches under federal jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, many areas of Vermilion and all Coastal Communities, utilize gravity and natural bodies of water for drainage. Having this fall under federal jurisdiction would require federal permits for simple tasks such as clearing ditches and outfall canals traditionally under local jurisdiction. This would create greater hardship and significantly increase costs of basic drainage maintenance if permits and Corps of Engineer involvement would become necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, the Corps of Engineers is overwhelmed now, including them in basic drainage maintenance nationally would bring these simple projects to a standstill;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Vermilion Parish Police Jury convened in regular session on August 6, 2007, that it does hereby object to the passage of House Rule No. 2421 – The Clean Water Restoration Act of 2007.

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

**YEAS:** Mr. Hubert J. Faulk, Mr. Minos Broussard, Mr. Ronald Darby, Mr. Wayne Touchet, Mr. Mark Poche’, Mr. David C. Mayard, Mr. Edval Simon, Jr., Mr. Gaulman Gaspard, Mr. Ravis Menard, Mr. Purvis Abshire, Mr. T. J. Prejean, Jr., Mr. Luther "Buster" Hardee, III

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Mr. Carroll Duhon, Mr. Maxwell Chreene

And the resolution was declared adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Chris P. Theriot, Administrator/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 on August 6, 2007 at which time a quorum was present and voting.

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Chris P. Theriot  
Administrator/Secretary-Treasurer  
VERMILION PARISH POLICE JURY