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**INTRODUCED BY: MATTHEW JEWELL, PARISH PRESIDENT
(GRANTS OFFICE & DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)**

RESOLUTION NO. 6842

A resolution to approve scope of work and budget revisions to complete flood improvements within the Fairfield and Oakland watershed area in St. Rose utilizing funding through the Louisiana Watershed Initiative.

WHEREAS, in February 2024, St. Charles Parish entered into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana Office of Community Development for \$15,000,000.00 in funding through the Louisiana Watershed Initiative (LWI); and,

WHEREAS, the funding was to be distributed as follows, \$9,230,000.00 in funding to the Turtle Pond Pump Station Upgrades and \$5,770,000.00 in funding to the Fairfield and Oakland Pump Station Upgrades; and,

WHEREAS, the LWI program requires the completion of a Hydrology and Hydraulic Study of each project; and,

WHEREAS, the result of the Hydrology and Hydraulic Study for the Fairfield and Oakland Pump Station Upgrades project determined that downstream improvements are necessary to avoid negative downstream impacts; and,

WHEREAS, St. Charles Parish worked with the Louisiana Office of Community Development to propose a successful plan of action to develop an alternative project to reduce the flooding in the Fairfield and Oakland watershed area; and,

WHEREAS, the new plan requires a change in scope from the original proposed project and the addition of local funding; and,

WHEREAS, the new proposed project will be titled Fairfield and Oakland Drainage Improvements and will include eight phases of drainage conveyance projects with an estimated cost of \$9,686,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, St. Charles Parish is committed to providing the additional local funding needed to complete the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL, do hereby approve and support the scope of work and budget revisions to complete flood improvements within the Fairfield and Oakland watershed area in St. Rose utilizing funding through the Louisiana Watershed Initiative.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MOBLEY, FONSECA, WILSON, SKIBA, PILIE, O'DANIELS, FISHER
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: COMARDELLE, DEBRULER

And the resolution was declared adopted this 4th day of August, 2025, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

CHAIRMAN: Holly Fonseca
SECRETARY: Michelle Dupont
DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: August 5, 2025
APPROVED: ✓ DISAPPROVED: _____

PARISH PRESIDENT: Matthew Jewell
RETD/SECRETARY: August 7, 2025
AT: 3:16 pm RECD BY: [Signature]