

**2024-1-REV requested by Bunge North America, Inc. and Bunge Chevron AG Renewables, LLC for the revocation of Jonathan Street, Modoc Street, and portions of Pelican Street, Amie Street, and Jean Street, Destrehan. Council District 2.**

**Mr. Welker** – this request was heard previously late last year so probably sounds very familiar there are some changes that have been made to the request which is why it's coming back. What's remaining the same is Jonathan St. that revocation is the same, same with Modoc St. The changes are to Pelican which is being taken further towards River Road basically just short of River Road it stopped at Amie last time but it's going to pass that and almost to River Road. Then Amie and Jean those initially went all the way to Lorraine those are being brought back a little bit and not going all the way to Lorraine that's the primary difference here, actually the only difference here and everything else is pretty much the same from the last time this came before the Planning Commission we did reach out to our other departments that typically give comment on these request we didn't receive any updates or new information from them, no objections in fact I think the Pelican St. adjustment was done in response to comments from Public Works from the previous so, that's pretty much it.

**Applicant representative** – Jay Robicheaux 200 Mistletoe Dr. Norco. I'm the government and community relations manager for Bunge and yes, it's basically the same request, just as a reminder Bunge's been here since 1962 we building a fairly large investment here in the Destrehan facility and preparing for this investment we purchased most of the land between Jonathan St., Lorriane St. the railroad tracks and River Road were starting to build a facility so in the idea of safety for the community, safety for employees and security issues we are asking for y'all to revoke these streets there are no longer needed for public purpose at all because the land that's on both sides of all these streets belongs to Bunge and our facility is going to be in the middle of it so for safety for everyone. We do have for your knowledge I did mention this last time we do have an access servitude agreement with the parish, with Entergy and with the landowner who owns all the land north of the rail road tracks so there won't be any overflow of traffic into the neighborhood onto Lorraine St. so all the traffic going to the back to the north side of the rail road tracks is still going to go through Jonathan St. I got to get my little tag on at the end because I wrote it down, he said I'm coming back, I didn't have to say as much. Our goal is and always has been to protect the communities where we operate. Through all our expansion work we will be focused on safety and environmental protection we believe revocation of the streets is a site security issue. Thanks for your time and consideration, please let me know if you have any questions.

The public hearing is open.

**FAVOR –**

**Joey Murray** 13880 River Road Destrehan. Last year I wrote a letter in support of this new project in St. Charles Parish in Destrehan, I'm very much in favor of it so is my family. I have 5 boys. I'm lucky to have them all living here not moving somewhere else and they've been

blessing me with 13 grandchildren. It's good to see renewable energy being built right here in St. Charles Parish and St. Charles Parish has been a leader for a long time and I appreciate your consideration and approval of this. Thank you.

**OPPOSED-**

**Jeff Grayson** 205 Lorraine St. Destrehan. Mr. Robicheaux stated they won't be traffic down Lorraine St., that's not what the paperwork they submitted says, it says that to put in an alternative access road Noel St. and the back which will meet Lorraine St. and the paperwork they submitted says when Noel St. is done Johnson St. will be terminated, um they don't have access to Lorraine St. to Noel St. because the lot 36 they want to donate to the parish the servitude stops where Gabriel Heights meets Destrehan Park there is no servitude on lot 36 to Noel St. so that can't happen. They want to put an 18-wheeler turn radius back there Lorraine St. is a no truck route, now the very first truck they sent down there, the very first piece of equipment police were called the sheriff's department went and told Bunge no 18 wheelers down that street, no trucks, hadn't been one since but like I said they ugh, the lots they want to donate to the parish so they can put in their 18-wheeler turn radius and extend Noel St. these are deed restricted properties they cannot be altered with roads, turn radius for 18-wheelers Lorraine St. is only 18 ft. wide the whole west side of it is all residential homes so any alterations to it, so that's gonna turn into a civil case because St. Charles Parish has no authority over the deed restrictions, like I said that's gonna turn into a civil case who ever runs it and we just wait till someone does something on it till that happens, so that's what we been advised to do so.

**Commissioner Petit** – ok thank you. The request tonight doesn't have any changes to Noel St., correct?

**Mr. Welker** – Noel St. doesn't, it's not improved doesn't technically exist in an improved fashion, so no. The issue is with the existing street.

**OPPOSED-**

**Toni Portera Offner** 457 Longview but I do still own property between these grain elevators. I own property at 12646 River Road and 100 Amelia Road lots 1, 2, & 3. My family's been there for 102 years so I don't think the 62 years they've been here makes them sound like good people. They've done nothing for the people there, all they've given us is rats and dust. They don't answer anything, they don't try to take care of us, don't believe this bull. The parish has held their hand to get this refinery put in our neighborhood these people were complaining about having a daycare, we gonna have a refinery for God sakes in our neighborhood. They have broken the ordinances to get this in there, our buffer zone that was there to protect us is now gone because our parish thought it was very important to get these people their billion-dollar industry to make more money, we losing money, our property isn't worth anything, we don't have any kind of quality of life that's why I don't live there any longer but still stuck with this property. Ok, I'm sorry, I'm getting very upset. I think that you see the parish is giving everything to them so you know I'm wasting my time, and I'm sorry I'm wasting yours but the parish has already cut off the streets so

they can start preparing their land they have the ground breaking they giving them everything I don't think you should be allowed to given them every little bitty thing they want and we get nothing in return. They should have to buy out those streets they a billion-dollar company, they should have to buy out that subdivision. I resent this and I'm very much against it. Thank you for your time.

**Wendy Grayson** 205 Lorraine St. Destrehan. I agree with everything she just said, all of it, whole heartily. Gabriel Heights consist of a high percentage of elderly, sick and disabled and retired citizens. How do we fight against a billion-dollar company? It's almost impossible. We need our parish to help us. We need y'all to hold them to what they are supposed to do. We have questions about why Jonathan St. will no longer be the same access point for the parish and Entergy, it has been acceptable for all these years. What's changing? Why? You have a perpetual right of way on Jonathan, it is, we never had a second access. Why can't Bunge keep the access burden and traffic on their land? Since they don't have a problem building their own access road for construction which is 50 ft. wide, why not continue it and use that instead of spitting all your traffic for the parish and them onto our street and into residential area. This project was approved under criteria being met. That criteria, one was our quality of life,, every since they started our quality of life is gone, our houses are being rattled, the noise level has gone up, we don't know what's going to happen next. I'm sitting there watching out of my window where they have their chipper for all these trees, they knocked down that rattled our homes and I called Planning and Zoning and complained about it, I have video of it and I'm watching that smolder for the last 3 days. Where is the safety? I don't see anyone around it, I don't see anyone watching it. If you want safety, you should put up more than a little 2-foot silt because you have children in the neighborhood that cant read these signs, they're curious, they're gonna go over there. It's all very very disheartening what they are being let to do. Our homes, we worked hard for these people who want to retire in their homes, they worked hard for them. They don't want to be stuck in a burial plot and that's what we are considering now. If they can't use all the land that they bought then maybe they should buy more. It just doesn't make any sense to me. You have all this money but you running over this little neighborhood that we have no recourse, except for a civil suit to keep a 150 feet of an industrial disaster, noise all day long, all day from 7 a.m. to 4-5 p.m. But what break you get, maybe a Sunday? I don't work there.

**Commissioner Petit** – Mrs. Grayson if you can please close out Mrs. Grayson your 3 minutes, and your pass that.

**Mrs. Grayson** – Noel St. it is deed restricted and they do not have servitude there, there is no way. We will file suit against that, we have to protect ourselves some kind of way. We just hope that yall will help us. That's all I have.

**Mr. Robicheaux** – I just want to clarify that Jonathan St. is gonna have perpetual access to the back it's a servitude with the parish, Entergy and the hog farmer that's always gonna be there, it's not going anywhere.

**Commissioner Petit** – it will stay clear all the way?

**Mr. Robicheaux** – yes sir. When we revoke the street it's not going to belong to the parish, it's gonna belong to us we will have the street open, we have to have that street as Bunge to keep the street open for that access. Noel St. is not gonna go over, the Noel St. we're building is not gonna go over Gabrel Heights lot, that's why we're here today because we had to change the direction to make sure that it doesn't just to clarify.

The public hearing is closed.

Commissioner Keen made a motion to approve, seconded by Frangella.

YEAS: KEEN, FOLSE, JR. PETIT, FRANGELLA

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: PRICE, ROSS, KRAJECER

**PASSED**