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**2017-0001**

**INTRODUCED BY: LARRY COCHRAN, PARISH PRESIDENT  
(BOND COUNSEL)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 6262**

A resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not to exceed Eight Million Dollars (\$8,000,000) of Taxable Limited Tax Bonds, of the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana; making application to the State Bond Commission for approval of said Bonds; providing for the employment of bond counsel and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the St. Charles Parish Council (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority for the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana, that:

**SECTION 1. Preliminary Approval of the Bonds.** Preliminary approval is given to the issuance of not exceeding Eight Million Dollars (\$8,000,000) of Taxable Limited Tax Bonds (the "Bonds") of the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana (the "Issuer"), pursuant to Section 2304 of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing and improving wastewater facilities and systems in the Parish, including those owned and operated by Consolidated Waterworks and Wastewater District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Charles, Louisiana, and paying the cost of issuance, said Bonds to be payable from and secured by an irrevocable pledge and dedication of the funds to be derived by the Issuer from the levy and collection of an (a) two and two-tenths (2.20) mills tax authorized at an election held on May 2, 2015 (such rate being subject to adjustment from time to time due to reassessment), which the Issuer is authorized to impose and collect in the years 2016 through 2044 (the "Tax"), and limited to the extent such levy would cause the combined millage levied to pay debt service on the Parish's General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2012, and the millage from the Tax to total more than 2.20 mills in such year, adjusted as provided in the Louisiana Constitution. The Bonds will bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed ninety-five hundredths of one percent (.95%) per annum, and will mature no later than March 1, 2039.

**SECTION 2. Employment of Bond Counsel.** This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, and accordingly, Foley & Judell, L.L.P., of New Orleans, Louisiana, as Bond Counsel, is hereby employed to do and perform work of a traditional legal nature as bond counsel with respect to the issuance and sale of said Bonds. Said Bond Counsel shall prepare and submit to this Governing Authority for adoption all of the proceedings incidental to the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of such Bonds, shall counsel and advise this Governing Authority as to the issuance and sale thereof and shall furnish its opinions covering the legality of the issuance of the Bonds. The fee of Bond Counsel for each issue or series of bonds shall be fixed at a sum not exceeding the fee allowed by the Attorney General's fee guidelines for such bond counsel work in connection with the issuance of such series of revenue bonds and based on the amount of said Bonds actually issued, sold, delivered and paid for, plus "out-of-pocket" expenses, said fees to be contingent upon the issuance, sale and delivery of said bonds. The President is hereby authorized and directed to execute, and this Governing Authority hereby agrees to and accepts the terms of, the engagement letter of Bond Counsel appended hereto as **Exhibit A**. A certified copy of this resolution shall be submitted to the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana for his written approval of said employment and of the fees herein designated, and the Council Secretary is hereby empowered and directed to provide for payment of the work herein specified upon completion thereof and under the conditions herein enumerated.

**SECTION 3. State Bond Commission.** Application is hereby made to the State Bond Commission, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for approval of the issuance and sale of the Bonds and for consent and authority to proceed with the issuance and sale of the Bonds as provided above, and Bond Counsel is directed to make application to the State Bond Commission in accordance with the foregoing on behalf of the Issuer. By virtue of applicant/issuer's application for, acceptance and utilization of the benefits of the Louisiana State Bond Commission's approval(s) resolved and set forth herein, it resolves that it understands and agrees that such approval(s) are expressly conditioned upon, and it further resolves that it understands, agrees and binds itself, its successors and assigns to, full and continuing compliance with the "State Bond Commission Policy on Approval of Proposed Use of Swaps, or other forms of Derivative Products Hedges, Etc.", adopted by the Commission on July 20, 2006, as to the borrowing(s) and other matter(s) subject to the approval(s), including subsequent application and approval under said Policy of the implementation or use of any swap(s) or other product(s) or enhancement(s) covered thereby.

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

YEAS: BENEDETTO, HOGAN, WILSON, CLULEE, GIBBS, WOODRUFF, BELLOCK, FLETCHER, FISHER-PERRIER  
NAYS: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

And the resolution was declared adopted this 23rd day of January, 2017, to become effective immediately.

CHAIRMAN: Tennell D. Wilson  
SECRETARY: [Signature]  
DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: [Signature]  
APPROVED : \_\_\_\_\_ DISAPPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
PARISH PRESIDENT: [Signature]  
RETD/SECRETARY: [Signature]  
AT: 1:32 RECD BY: [Signature]

ENGAGEMENT LETTER

January 23, 2017

Hon. Larry Cochran, President  
Parish of St. Charles  
Hahnville, Louisiana

Re: Proposed Taxable Limited Tax Bonds of  
the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana

Dear Larry:

The purpose of this engagement letter is to set forth certain matters concerning the role we will serve and the legal services we will provide as bond counsel to the Parish of St. Charles, State of Louisiana (the "Issuer") in connection with the issuance of the captioned bonds (the "Bonds"). We understand that the Bonds will be issued for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and operating wastewater facilities and systems in the Parish, including those owned and operated by Consolidated Waterworks and Wastewater District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Charles, Louisiana, and paying the cost of issuance (the "Project").

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In our engagement as bond counsel, we will:

Confer with members of the working group, including you and other officials of the Issuer, relating to the Project and review legal issues relating to the structure of the Bond issue;

Prepare the Issuing Bond Resolution and all related financing documents (collectively, the "Bond Documents");

As requested, attend meetings of the Governing Authority at which the Bond Documents are adopted, including (as applicable) preparation of notices;  
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Prepare the closing index and various closing certificates and supervise the execution of certain closing documents by the various parties thereto;

Prepare the Bonds and supervise their execution and authentication,

Prepare complete transcripts of record covering the issuance of the Bonds and furnishing the transcripts to various parties in connection therewith; and

Submit post-closing reports to the State Bond Commission, if required.

Our fee as bond counsel is based upon the terms, structure, size and schedule of the financing, the services provided, and the responsibilities assumed; however, our fee will not exceed that permitted by guidelines set forth by the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana and is subject to his approval. Our fee as bond counsel is a "contingent fee", meaning you are required to pay for our legal services only in the event the Bonds are actually sold and delivered.

Other vendors or members of the working group may charge additional fees or costs for their services.

We will continue to serve as bond counsel until the delivery of the Bonds; however, the Issuer and our firm each have the right to terminate this engagement at any time after providing reasonable advanced written notice, subject to the applicable rules of professional responsibility. Upon conclusion or termination of our representation of the Issuer, papers and property furnished by the Issuer will be returned promptly upon request.

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Applicable ethical rules in Louisiana prohibit us from undertaking this representation if we represent another party that is directly adverse to the Issuer or if there is a significant risk that other considerations will materially limit our representation of the Issuer. As you are aware, our firm represents many political subdivisions, including others in St. Charles Parish. At this time, we do not believe any other current or past engagement of our firm adversely affects our ability to represent the Issuer as provided in this letter; however, we invite you to discuss any concerns you have with us.

If this letter is acceptable to the Issuer, please so indicate by executing where indicated below and returning a copy to us, retaining the original for your files. We appreciate the opportunity to serve the Issuer and look forward to working with you.

**FOLEY & JUDELL, L.L.P.**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**JERRY R. OSBORNE, PARTNER**

**ACCEPTED AND APPROVED:**  
**PARISH OF ST. CHARLES, STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**NAME: LARRY COCHRAN**  
**TITLE: PRESIDENT**  
**DATED: JANUARY 23, 2017**

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**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**NAME: LARRY COCHRAN**  
**TITLE: PRESIDENT**  
**DATED: JANUARY 23, 2017**

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ST. CHARLES

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IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature and the impress of the official seal of said Parish at Hahnville, Louisiana, on this, the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2017.

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