



1           WHEREAS, House Concurrent Resolution No. 123 provides that the council shall  
2 cease to exist on January 11, 2016, ". . . unless it is extended by further action of the  
3 Louisiana Legislature. . ."; and

4           WHEREAS, the participants in the watershed council's efforts for ". . . improving the  
5 aquatic habitat of False River; to provide recommendations for the optimal management and  
6 protection of the resources within the False River watershed . . ." are united in their desire  
7 to continue those efforts through continued existence of the False River Watershed Council;  
8 and

9           WHEREAS, to achieve the goal of a restored False River watershed as quickly and  
10 completely as possible, it continues to be necessary to bring together the various government  
11 interests, as well as nongovernmental stakeholder organizations who possess specialized  
12 knowledge or whose members represent resource users in the False River watershed.

13           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby re-  
14 establish until June 30, 2018, the False River Watershed Council, whose membership shall  
15 be as follows:

16           (1)    The commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry or his  
17 designee within the department.

18           (2)    The secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality or his designee  
19 within the department.

20           (3)    The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health or his designee within  
21 the department.

22           (4)    The secretary of the Department of Natural Resources or his designee within  
23 the department, who will serve as vice chair of the council.

24           (5)    The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries or his designee  
25 within the department, whom shall serve as chair of the council.

26           (6)    The state senator from Senate District 17.

27           (7)    The state representative from House District 18.

28           (8)    Two members to be selected by the senator from Senate District 17.

29           (9)    Two members appointed by the representative from House District 18.

30           (10)   Two members appointed by the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury.

1           (11) The director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness – Pointe Coupee  
2 Parish.

3           (12) One member appointed by the mayor of the city of New Roads.

4           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the False River Watershed  
5 Council shall not be entitled to receive any salary, per diem, expenses, mileage, or other  
6 emollients of the office for their service on this commission, outside of any that they may  
7 be entitled to by virtue of their service in another public office.

8           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the council shall, at the proper time, contact the  
9 following federal resource agencies to solicit their views and input with respect to  
10 completing the study requested by this Resolution:

- 11           (1) United States Army Corps of Engineers.
- 12           (2) United States Fish and Wildlife Service.
- 13           (3) United States Geological Survey.
- 14           (4) National Resources Conservation Service.
- 15           (5) United States Department of Agriculture.
- 16           (6) National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration.
- 17           (7) United States Environmental Protection Agency.

18           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the False River Watershed  
19 Council shall meet as often as necessary to identify, review, and evaluate management  
20 strategies to facilitate the goal of improving the aquatic habitat of False River; to provide  
21 recommendations for the optimal management and protection of the resources within the  
22 False River watershed, including but not limited to the following: the study of impacts and  
23 potential impacts to water quality, excess nutrient and sediment run-off management,  
24 shoreline modification management, watershed conservation measures, and innovative  
25 habitat restoration methodology; coordination of federal, state, and local efforts to improve  
26 and protect water quality; surface water resource management and protection policies;  
27 recommendations for the optimal management and protection of the natural resources in the  
28 False River watershed; identification of various funding options for ongoing maintenance  
29 of the False River watershed; recommended changes to current procedures and practices to

1 make the management and protection of the natural resources in the False River watershed  
2 more efficient, comprehensive, and sustainable.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
4 Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury, the commissioner of agriculture, the secretary of the  
5 Department of Environmental Quality, the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health,  
6 the secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, and the secretary of the Department  
7 of Wildlife and Fisheries.

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