

1 time required to respond to flooding threats from the days needed to construct the previous
2 temporary structures to the mere hours needed to close the new permanent gate; and

3 WHEREAS, the state's share from the Gulf of Mexico Security Act (GOMESA)
4 funded the eighty million dollar for the construction of the permanent gate as opposed to the
5 millions needed on an emergency basis each time to construct and deploy the temporary
6 gates; and

7 WHEREAS, the Bayou Chene Flood Protection Structure was completed in 2022 and
8 placed into operation within criteria approved by the United State Corp of Engineers; and

9 WHEREAS, though the structure is located and operated in the St. Mary Levee
10 District, it protects large portions of the five other parishes that will contribute funding to
11 operate and maintain the gate and therefore should be afforded the opportunity to contribute
12 input to the operation of the floodgate through an orderly forum.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
14 establish and provide for the Bayou Chene Operational Advisory Committee to propose
15 recommendations to the St. Mary Levee Board on the operation of the Bayou Chene Flood
16 Protection Structure to ensure the structure provides optimum flood protection.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall consist of the following
18 members:

19 (1) One member appointed by the St. Mary Levee District.

20 (2) One member appointed by the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District.

21 (3) One member appointed by the South Lafourche Levee District.

22 (4) One member appointed by the St. Martin Parish Council.

23 (5) One member appointed by the Assumption Parish Police Jury.

24 (6) One member appointed by the Iberville Parish Council.

25 (7) One member appointed by the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each appointing authority shall submit the names
27 of their appointee no later than July 15, 2023, to the St. Mary Levee District, who shall
28 provide staffing services to the committee.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the appointee of the St. Mary Levee District shall
30 serve as the chairman and shall convene for its first meeting no later than August 1, 2023,

- (4) One member appointed by the St. Martin Parish Council.
- (5) One member appointed by the Assumption Parish Police Jury.
- (6) One member appointed by the Iberville Parish Council.
- (7) One member appointed by the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District.

Specifies that the members serve without compensation, except for such reimbursement or per diem they are individually entitled to as members of the constituent group they represent. Names the member appointed by the St. Mary Levee District as the chair and authorizes the election of a vice chair and other officers. Provides that the names of the members shall be submitted by July 15th and the chair shall thereafter call the first meeting by August 1, 2023.

Provides the committee will determine the share each appointing authority pays into an operation and maintenance fund for the Bayou Chene Flood Protection Structure and the failure to pay that amount results in the loss of voting privilege for that appointing authority's appointee.