

**MINUTES OF AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA,  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2019 AT 12:00 P.M.  
IN THE TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, met, in emergency session, in the Town Hall Meeting Room in Vidalia, Louisiana, on Wednesday, February 27, 2019, at 12:00 P.M.

There were present: Mayor Buz Craft, Aldermen Jon Betts, Tron McCoy and Alderwoman Sabrina Dore’.

There were absent: Aldermen Robert Gardner and Tommy Probst.

There were also present: Town Clerk, Jay LaSyone; Town Attorney, George C. Murray, Jr.; and Executive Secretary to the Mayor, Pam Middleton; and representatives of the press.

The meeting was opened by the Mayor, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and the invocation was given by Alderman Betts.

A quorum being present, the Mayor declared the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, to be duly convened, in emergency session, as the governing authority of said municipality and opened the meeting for the conduct of business.

The Mayor then advised those present that this emergency meeting is being held to consider passing Resolutions to declare a State of Emergency and to authorize the Mayor to respond to the emergency, due to the potential flooding caused by the current rapid rise of the Mississippi River. He gave a brief description of the situation but noted that there is no eminent danger of flooding at this time.

Agenda Item No. 1 was Board consideration of a Resolution declaring local state of emergency due to the potential of flooding. A motion was made by Alderman McCoy, seconded by Alderwoman Dore’, that the resolution, as presented at the meeting, to declare that, due to the potential flooding caused by the rapid rise of the Mississippi River, a State of Emergency exists for the Town of Vidalia, which effects life, health, property and public peace. The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Alderman Betts, Alderman McCoy, and Alderwoman Dore’.

NAYS: NONE.

ABSTAINING: NONE.

ABSENT: Alderman Probst and Alderman Gardner.

(COPY OF RESOLUTION ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF).

Agenda Item No. 2 was Board consideration of a resolution granting Mayor Craft emergency powers related to flood control.

The Mayor then asked for a Resolution, as presented at the meeting, for him to respond to the emergency as he deems appropriate and to sign any acts or documents necessary to deal with emergency situations. A motion was then made by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderman McCoy, to authorize the Mayor to respond to the emergency as he requested. The vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Alderman Betts, Alderman McCoy, and Alderwoman Dore’.

NAYS: NONE.

ABSTAINING: NONE.

ABSENT: Alderman Probst and Alderman Gardner.

(COPY OF RESOLUTION ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF).

The Mayor then noted that there was no further business on the agenda, and on motion of Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and unanimously carried by those present, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Jay LaSyone  
JAY LASYONE, CLERK

/s/ Buz Craft  
BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

The following resolution was offered by Alderman McCoy and seconded by Alderwoman Dore’:

**RESOLUTION**

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY/DISASTER BY MAYORS**

**VIDALIA, LOUISIANA: LOCAL DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Vidalia, Concordia Parish, State of Louisiana, is presently faced with an emergency due to the potential flooding caused by the rapid rising of the Mississippi River, beginning February 22, 2019, and continuing until further notice, and the Town of Vidalia, State of Louisiana, wishes to declare a State of Emergency in accordance with the provisions of the State Emergency Management Law, and wishes to utilize its resources to the fullest extent; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town of Vidalia, Concordia Parish, Louisiana, convened in Emergency Session, that it does hereby declare that, under the authority of the laws of the State of Louisiana, a state of emergency exists in the Town of Vidalia, State of Louisiana, due to the potential flooding disaster which affects life, health, property and public peace.

The above RESOLUTION was adopted at the February 27, 2019, emergency meeting and the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: Aldermen Betts, McCoy and Alderwoman Dore’.

NAYS: NONE.

ABSTAINING: NONE.

ABSENT: Alderman Probst and Alderman Gardner.

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 27th day of February, 2019.

/s/ Jay LaSyone  
JAY LASYONE, CLERK

/s/ Buz Craft  
BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Betts, and seconded by Alderman McCoy:

**RESOLUTION**

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY/DISASTER BY MAYORS**

**VIDALIA, LOUISIANA: LOCAL DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY  
MAYOR AUTHORIZATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Vidalia, Concordia Parish, State of Louisiana, is presently faced with an emergency due to the potential flooding caused by the rapid rising of the Mississippi River, beginning February 22, 2019, and continuing until further notice, and the Town of Vidalia, State of Louisiana, wishes to declare a State of Emergency in accordance with the provisions of the State Emergency Management Law, and wishes to utilize its resources to the fullest extent; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town of Vidalia, Concordia Parish, Louisiana, convened in Emergency Session, that the Mayor, BUZ CRAFT, is hereby authorized to respond to the emergency as he deems appropriate and to direct and perform any acts necessary and sign any and all documents necessary, to deal with the emergency described herein.

The above RESOLUTION was adopted at the February 27, 2019, emergency meeting and the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: Aldermen Betts, McCoy and Alderwoman Dore’.

NAYS: NONE.

ABSTAINING: NONE.

ABSENT: Alderman Probst and Alderman Gardner.

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

/s/ Jay LaSyone  
JAY LASYONE, CLERK

/s/ Buz Craft  
BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR