

Offered by Marty Cheatwood, who moved its adoption, and duly seconded by Mark Kerry.

R E S O L U T I O N 001 OF 2026

PERMANENT CHANGE OF POLLING PLACE:

Moving the polling place at 1621 Welch Street (Natchitoches Jr High/Frankie Ray Jackson school) to the L P Vaughn Elementary School located at 1500 Gold Street. The Natchitoches Parish School Board is closing the old Junior High and has approved our move to L P Vaughn, where there is already a polling place.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution changing the listed Polling Places to:

Moving the polling place at 1621 Welch Street (Natchitoches Jr High/Frankie Ray Jackson school) to the L P Vaughn Elementary School located at 1500 Gold Street. The Natchitoches Parish School Board is closing the old Junior High and has approved our move to L P Vaughn, where there is already a polling place.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Natchitoches Parish Council does hereby adopt a Resolution for the permanent change of the listed polling places:

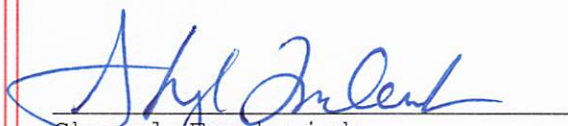
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On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Kerry	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Councilman Braxton	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Councilman Allen	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Councilman Cheatwood	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Councilman Halm	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

And the Resolution was declared adopted on this,
the 29th day of January , 2026.

ATTEST:


Sheryl Frederick,
Parish Council Clerk


Marty Cheatwood, Chairman

Offered by Wayne Halm, who moved its adoption,
and duly seconded by Mark Kerry.

R E S O L U T I O N #002 OF 2026

Resolution of the Natchitoches Parish Council Authorizing Parish President to submit LGAP Application for 2025-2026 Grant Funds for the Parish of Natchitoches in the amount of \$60,000 for Road Maintenance Equipment. The Parish will ask for funds above the maximum ceiling amount and can be awarded if the parish's incorporated communities' combined maximum ceiling amounts are less than the allocation for the entire parish area. And authorize the Parish President to execute and Sign All Necessary Agreements.

WHEREAS, the Natchitoches Parish Government wishes to submit a grant to the Louisiana Government Assistance Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the Parish President, John Salter, to sign the necessary forms for said application in the amount of Sixty Thousand (\$60,000) to be submitted to LGAP for the 2025-2026 grant period, and to execute and sign all necessary agreements.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Braxton	<u>x</u>	___	___	___
Councilman Kerry	<u>x</u>	___	___	___
Councilman Allen	___	___	<u>x</u>	___
Councilman Cheatwood	<u>x</u>	___	___	___
Councilman Halm	<u>x</u>	___	___	___

And the resolution was adopted on the
29th day of January 26, 2026.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Natchitoches Parish Government held on the 26th day of January, 2026, in which a quorum was present and voting, and that the resolution adopted is still in effect and has not been rescinded or revoked.

Signed at Natchitoches, Louisiana, on the 29th day of January 2026.


Sheryl Frederick, Council Clerk


Marty Cheatwood, Council Chairman


John Salter, Parish President

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF NATCHITOCHES

NATCHITOCHES PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 003-2026

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING
OF THE LOUISIANA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE
FOR THE AUDIT OF THE NATCHITOCHES PARISH GOVERNMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Louisiana Legislative Auditor it is required by any Louisiana state and local government agency for the Chief Executive Office to complete and sign the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire as a part of a financial audit; and

WHEREAS the completed and signed Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire must be presented to and adopted by the Natchitoches Parish Council; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the Natchitoches Parish Government must be submitted to Thomas, Cunningham, Broadway & Todtenbier CPA's, the auditors for the Natchitoches Parish Government.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Natchitoches Parish Council adopts the completed and signed Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire and directs that the questionnaire be submitted to Thomas, Cunningham, Broadway & Todtenbier CPA's the auditors for the Natchitoches Parish Government Financial Audit for 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Natchitoches Parish Council declares that John Salter, Natchitoches Parish President, Julie R Lockhart, Natchitoches Parish Treasurer, and Sheryl Fredrick, Natchitoches Parish Council Clerk, have the authority to sign the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the audit period ending December 31, 2025

The above foregoing having been submitted to a vote thereupon resulted as follows:

YEAS: Braxton, Halms, Cheatwood, Kerry

NAYS:

ABSENT: Allen

ABSTAIN:

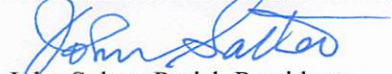
The resolution was declared adopted on the 29th day of January 2026

NATCHITOCHES PARISH COUNCIL

Marty Cheatwood, Chairman



NATCHITOCHES PARISH GOVERNMENT



John Salter, Parish President

CERTIFICATION

I, SHERYL FREDERICK, CLERK TO THE NATCHITOCHES PARISH COUNCIL, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Natchitoches Parish Council in a regular session convened on 29th day of January 2026, at which meeting a quorum was present.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sheryl Frederick", is written over the printed name.

Council Clerk
Natchitoches Parish Council

Resolution No. 003-2026

Offered by Wayne Halm , who moved its adoption, and duly seconded by Marty Cheatwood.

Resolution 004 of 2026

Council to approve the Parish President to execute and Sign All Necessary Agreements with the Fire Districts. 1, 4, 5, and #6 to sign their own CEA for the ACT 461 line-item appropriation of the 2025 RLS. This makes the Fire District responsible for all recordkeeping and reporting to the Louisiana Department of the Treasury.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL OF THE NATCHITOCHES PARISH GOVERNMENT, convened in Regular Session on January 29, 2026, that it does hereby approve the following items related to Act 461 funding from the 2025 Regular Legislative Session:

- i) Cooperative Endeavor Agreements between the Natchitoches Parish Government and the State of Louisiana; and
- ii) Sub-Recipients Agreements with the Natchitoches Parish Fire Districts No. 1, No 4, No 5, and No 6, for said grant award.

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED that the President of Natchitoches Parish Government, or his designee, when appropriate, is authorized to execute all documents related thereto.

THUS PASSED AND ADOPTED on this, the 29th day of January, 2026.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

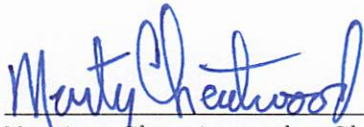
	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Kerry	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> -- </u>	<u> </u>
Councilman Braxton	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> -- </u>	<u> </u>
Councilman Allen	<u> -- </u>	<u> </u>	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Councilman Cheatwood	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Councilman Halm	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

And the Resolution was declared adopted on this, the 29th day of January , 2026.

ATTEST:



Sheryl Frederick,
Parish Council Clerk



Marty Cheatwood, Chairman

Offered by Wayne Halm, who moved its adoption
and duly seconded by Bobby Braxton.

RESOLUTION 005-2026

RESOLUTION OF THE NATCHITOCHES PARISH COUNCIL
APPROVING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF JUSTIN MARTIN TO THE
NATCHITOCHES PARISH FIRE DISTRICT 8 BOARD

WHEREAS, Section 8-06 (B) of the Natchitoches Parish Home Rule Charter states the President may appoint members to boards and commissions, subject to council confirmation, and

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy on the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 8 Board due to the expiration of the term, and

WHEREAS, the Parish President has re-appointed Mr. Justin Martin to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 8 Board, subject to Council confirmation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby confirm the re-appointment of Mr. Justin Martin to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 8 Board.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilwoman Halm	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Councilman Allen	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Councilman Braxton	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Councilman Halm	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Councilman Cheatwood	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

And the resolution was adopted on the
29th day of January 2026.

ATTEST:


Sheryl Frederick,
Council Clerk


Marty Cheatwood, Chairman

Offered by Mark Kerry, who moved its adoption
and duly seconded by Wayne Halm.

RESOLUTION 006-2026

RESOLUTION OF THE NATCHITOCHES PARISH COUNCIL
APPROVING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM DOWDEN TO THE
NATCHITOCHES PARISH FIRE DISTRICT 4 BOARD

WHEREAS, Section 8-06 (B) of the Natchitoches Parish Home Rule Charter states the President may appoint members to boards and commissions, subject to council confirmation, and

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy on the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 4 Board due to the expiration of the term, and

WHEREAS, the Parish President has re-appointed Mr. William Dowden. IV to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 4 Board, subject to Council confirmation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby confirm the re-appointment of Mr. William Dowden, IV to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 4 Board.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilwoman Halm	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Councilman Allen	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Councilman Braxton	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Councilman Halm	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Councilman Cheatwood	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

And the resolution was adopted on the
29th day of January 2026.

ATTEST:


Marty Cheatwood, Chairman


Sheryl Frederick,
Council Clerk

Offered by Marty Cheatwood, who moved its adoption and was
duly seconded by Mark Kerry.

RESOLUTION 007-2026

RESOLUTION OF THE NATCHITOCHES PARISH COUNCIL
APPROVING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF ELVIN SHIELDS TO THE
NATCHITOCHES PARISH PLANNING BOARD

WHEREAS, Section 8-06 (B) of the Natchitoches Parish Home
Rule Charter states the President may appoint members to boards
and commissions, subject to council confirmation, and

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy on the Natchitoches Parish
Planning Board due to the expiration of the term, and

WHEREAS, the Parish President has re-appointed Mr. Elvin
Shield to the Natchitoches Parish Planning Board, subject to
Council confirmation.

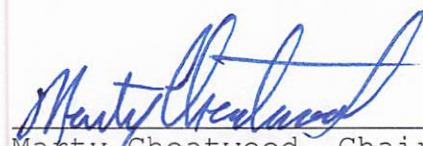
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Natchitoches Parish
Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby
confirm the re-appointment of Mr. Elvin Shields to the
Natchitoches Parish Planning Board.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilwoman Halm	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Councilman Allen	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Councilman Braxton	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Councilman Halm	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Councilman Cheatwood	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

And the resolution was adopted on the
29th day of January 2026.

ATTEST:


Marty Cheatwood, Chairman


Sheryl Frederick,
Council Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 008-2026

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO APPLY FOR UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RAISE AND BUILD GRANTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

WHEREAS, the Natchitoches Parish Government is responsible for the operation and maintenance of over 818 miles of parish-maintained roads, including a substantial number of gravel and unimproved roadways; and

WHEREAS, existing parish revenues are insufficient to adequately maintain, improve, and preserve this transportation system given its size, condition, and exposure to flooding, emergency access needs, and agricultural and timber traffic; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation administers the RAISE (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity) and BUILD (Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development) grant programs to support transportation planning and capital improvements, with particular emphasis on rural and economically distressed communities; and

WHEREAS, the Parish proposes to submit two separate grant applications during Fiscal Year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the first application will request funding for a Parish-Wide Multimodal Transportation Master Plan, including:

- Evaluation of gravel and unimproved roads for paving, stabilization, re-routing, or decommissioning;
- Analysis of roadway conditions relative to emergency response access, school bus routes, agricultural and timber transport, and flood vulnerability; and
- Development of a ranked list of priority parish transportation projects suitable for future capital funding; and

WHEREAS, this planning effort will also incorporate a Parish Drainage and Transportation Resilience Plan to:

- Map roadside ditches, culverts, and surface water flow paths;
- Identify chronic washouts and roadway overtopping locations;
- Prioritize drainage improvements directly tied to roadway preservation; and
- Integrate drainage maintenance into long-term transportation planning; and

WHEREAS, the second application will seek capital funding for the acquisition of essential equipment and materials necessary to improve roadway conditions (to include paving) and maintenance efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Parish may seek assistance from the State of Louisiana or other sources to supplement required matching funds should local resources be insufficient; and

WHEREAS, submission of grant applications does not obligate the Parish to accept any award without further action by the Parish Council as required by law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Natchitoches Parish Council, in legal session convened, that the Parish President is hereby authorized to prepare, submit, and execute all documents necessary to apply for United States Department of Transportation RAISE and BUILD grants for Fiscal Year 2026, including planning and capital grant applications as described herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish President is authorized to execute all certifications, assurances, and related instruments required by the grant application process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that acceptance of any grant award shall be subject to compliance with applicable law and any additional approvals required by the Parish Council.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED this 29th day of January, 2026, at Natchitoches, Louisiana.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilwoman Halm	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> -- </u>	<u> </u>
Councilman Allen	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Councilman Braxton	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> -- </u>	<u> </u>
Councilman Halm	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> -- </u>	<u> </u>
Councilman Cheatwood	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

And the resolution was adopted on the 29th day of January 2026.

ATTEST:


Sheryl Frederick,
Council Clerk


Marty Cheatwood, Chairman

Offered by Wayne Halm, who moved its adoption and duly seconded by Mark Kerry.

RESOLUTION 009 OF 2026

RESOLUTION OF THE NATCHITOCHES PARISH COUNCIL
APPROVING CHRISTOPHER LEWIS, THE RE-APPOINTMENT TO THE
NATCHITOCHES PARISH FIRE DISTRICT 7 BOARD

WHEREAS, Section 8-06 (B) of the Natchitoches Parish Home Rule Charter states the President may appoint members to boards and commissions, subject to council confirmation, and

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy on the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 7 Board due to the expiration of the term, and

WHEREAS, the Parish President has re-appointed Mr. Christopher Lewis to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 7 Board, subject to Council confirmation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby confirm the re-appointment of Mr. Christopher Lewis to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 7 Board.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

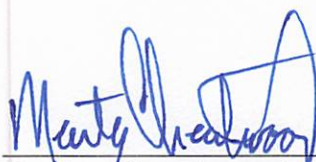
	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilwoman Halm	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Councilman Allen	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Councilman Braxton	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Councilman Halm	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Councilman Cheatwood	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

And the resolution was adopted on the
29th day of January 2026.

ATTEST:



Sheryl Frederick,
Council Clerk



Marty Cheatwood, Chairman

Offered by Mark Kerry, who moved its adoption and duly seconded by William Halm.

RESOLUTION 010-2026

RESOLUTION OF THE NATCHITOCHES PARISH COUNCIL
APPROVING TOMMY MORRISON, THE RE-APPOINTMENT TO THE
NATCHITOCHES PARISH FIRE DISTRICT 8 BOARD

WHEREAS, Section 8-06 (B) of the Natchitoches Parish Home Rule Charter states the President may appoint members to boards and commissions, subject to council confirmation, and

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy on the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 8 Board due to the expiration of the term, and

WHEREAS, the Parish President has re-appointed Mr. Tommy Morrison to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 8 Board, subject to Council confirmation.

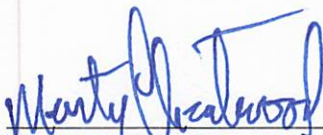
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby confirm the re-appointment of Mr. Tommy Morrison to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 8 Board.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilwoman Halm	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Councilman Allen	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Councilman Braxton	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Councilman Halm	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Councilman Cheatwood	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

And the resolution was adopted on the
30th day of January 2026.

ATTEST:


Marty Cheatwood, Chairman


Sheryl Frederick,
Council Clerk