

**Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana**

Minutes of Special Meeting January 9, 2013

The Mayor and Town Council met in special session on Wednesday, January 9, 2013, at 5:00PM, at the Lockport Town Hall Complex.

A. Call to Order, B. Opening Prayer, C. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Paul Champagne called the meeting to order. The opening prayer was offered by Town Clerk Danielle Williams. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Champagne.

D. Roll Call

The roll was called with the following present: Mayor Paul Champagne, Councilmembers Donovan Barker, Sharon Guidry, Rodney Hartman, Craig Rogers, and Weldon Triche. Also present were Town Attorney Christopher Huddleston and Chief of Police Warren Vedros.

E. A Resolution Authorizing a Contingency Fee Agreement between the Town of Lockport and its Special Counsel, Leger & Shaw, Relative to BP/Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Claims

Mr. Huddleston explained the contingency fee agreement to the Council.

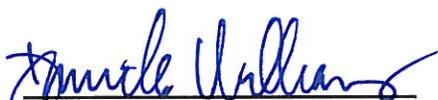
A motion by Councilman Triche was seconded by Councilman Rogers to adopt the above stated resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

H. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 15, 2013. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilman Rogers to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilman Triche and carried unanimously at 5:08PM.

Town of Lockport


Paul Champagne, Mayor


Danielle Williams, Town Clerk

TOWN OF LOCKPORT
TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2013-001

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Triche and seconded by Councilman Rogers:

A resolution authorizing a contingency fee agreement between the Town of Lockport and its Special Counsel, Leger & Shaw, relative to BP/Deepwater Horizon oil spill claims:

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2010 , the DEEPWATER HORIZON offshore drilling vessel, operated by Transocean, Ltd. on behalf of BP, exploded in the Gulf of Mexico (hereinafter the “BP Oil Spill”), causing the largest accidental marine oil spill in the U.S. history and

WHEREAS, as a direct result of the BP Oil Spill, certain businesses and industries in and around parishes along the Gulf Coast, including Lafourche Parish and the Town of Lockport suffered economic losses which resulted in reduced tax collections and possibly other damages; and

WHEREAS, said economic losses adversely impacted tax revenues that are collectible by the Town of Lockport, an entity authorized by the constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana to collect certain property, sales and use taxes in the Town of Lockport; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lockport requires competent and experienced counsel to represent its interests and to assert on its behalf any and all claims or causes of action that may lie against BP and/or other parties, derived from or related to the BP Oil Spill; and

WHEREAS, the law firm of Leger & Shaw represents the interests of the Parish of Orleans, St. Bernard, Lafourche, Terrebonne and St. Tammany and other local government entities relative to the BP Oil Spill and has been fully involved in the BP Oil Spill litigation since shortly after the spill;

WHEREAS, the Town of Lockport desires to engage the legal services of Leger & Shaw to assert on its behalf any and all claims or causes of action may lie against BP and/or other parties, derived from or related to the BP Oil Spill; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lockport continues to operate under the tight financial constraints and does not have adequate financial resources to pay the hourly fees and expert expenses necessary to pursue effectively its claims against BP; and

WHEREAS, Leger & Shaw is willing to represent the Town of Lockport on a contingency fee basis and to advance all expenses related to the Authority's BP Oil Spill claims subject to reimbursement by the Authority out of any eventual recovery; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lockport believes Leger & Shaw has the requisite experience, expertise, availability and financial resources to represent the Authority effectively; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Lockport that it does hereby employ Leger & Shaw to assert on its behalf any and all claims or causes of action that may lie against BP and/or other parties, derived from or related to the BP Oil Spill, and to make "presentment" of the claim under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, in an amount to be approved by the Mayor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Leger & Shaw shall be paid on a contingency basis, in the event of any recovery by the Town of Lockport in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) at a maximum of the total recovery to Leger & Shaw and the remaining seventy-five percent (75%) of the total recovery to the Town minus costs and expense of litigation pursuant to the terms of a legal services contract to be executed by the Mayor.

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

YEAS: Councilmembers Barker, Guidry, Hartman, Rogers, and Triche
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None
ABSENT: None

PASSED AND ADOPTED AT THE TOWN OF LOCKPORT TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING ATON THIS 9th DAY OF JANUARY, 2013.

TOWN OF LOCKPORT


Paul Champagne, Mayor

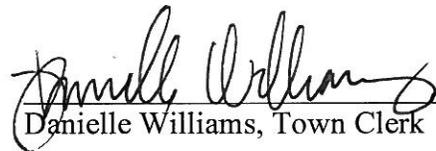
CERTIFICATE

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF LAFOURCHE

I, the undersigned Administrator of the Town Council of the Town of Lockport, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing two (2) pages constituted a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by said Town Council of the Town of Lockport on January 9, 2013.

Sealed in the Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana, on the 10th day of January, 2013.


Danielle Williams, Town Clerk