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CERTIFICATION OF INABILITY TO MEET IN PERSON DUE TO COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY FOR THE OFFICE OF CONSERVATION PUBLIC HEARINGS


In accordance with La. Acts 2020, No. 302 and Executive Proclamations JBE 2020-96 and JBE 2020-97, this notice shall serve as a certification of the Louisiana Office of Conservation's ("OOC") inability to otherwise operate in accordance with the Louisiana Open Meetings Law as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency. OOC will provide for attendance and quorum at its essential government meeting on November 12, 2020, via video conference. Pursuant to La. Acts 2020, No. 302, the hearing must proceed because:

- 1) Matters that, if they are delayed, will cause curtailment of vital public services or severe economic dislocation and hardship. Because OOC must administer the state's regulatory function over the implementation of commercial facilities by conducting hearings which allow for public input and comment, and has general authority to take any action for the protection of the interests of the state and its citizens under Louisiana Revised Statute 30:4 et seq., its continued function during this pandemic is essential and, failing timely meeting, would result in the curtailment of vital public services or severe economic dislocation and hardship.
- 2) Matters that are critical to continuation of the business of the public body and that are not able to be postponed to a meeting held in accordance with the other provisions of this Chapter due to a legal requirement or other deadline that cannot be postponed or delayed by the public body. Conservation's operations must follow statutorily-mandated deadlines. It is impossible to postpone or delay the hearing without resulting in the curtailment of vital public services or severe economic dislocation and hardship.

Considering the foregoing, and in accordance with La. Acts 2020, No. 302 and Executive Proclamations JBE 2020-96 and JBE 2020-97, OOC's hearing, Docket Number OOC OMR 20-01, on Thursday, November 12, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. will be held via video conference and in a manner that allows for observation and input by members of the public, as set forth in the Notice posted on September 20, 2020.


RICHARD P. IEYOUB
COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary Public, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana this 19th day of August 2020.


John W. Adams
Notary Public #45213
My Commission is for life.