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AREA DELEGATION ANNOUNCE STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS HEADED TO VERMILION PARISH FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

OVER \$27.7 MILLION IN FUNDS SET ASIDE FOR WATER, ROAD, PUBLIC SAFETY AND COASTAL EROSION IMPROVEMENTS

State Senator Nick Gautreaux along with Representatives Jonathan Perry, Simone Champagne and Nancy Landry announced today that over \$27.7 million in state and federal funds is headed to Vermilion Parish for much-needed capital improvements and hurricane recovery. The money will be distributed around the parish for various projects, including water and sewage system construction, road repairs, public safety services upgrades, hurricane protection and to tackle coastal erosion.

"We are very pleased that these funds are going to the hardworking communities in Vermilion Parish," said the delegation. "These investments in our infrastructure will improve the quality of life of our citizens in these communities, especially as we continue to rebuild after the devastating hurricanes of the last few years."

The funds allocated to Vermilion Parish include:

- \$8,369,080 in Community Development Block Grants for Hurricanes Gustav/Ike recovery.
- \$3,463,504 in hazard mitigation funds for Hurricanes Gustav/Ike recovery.
- \$44,000 to the Vermilion Parish Police Jury for the purchase and installation of an emergency generator.
- \$70,000 to the Vermilion Parish Police Jury for road projects.
- \$24,950 to the Vermilion Parish Police Jury to install waterline extensions in Waterworks District No. 1.
- \$9,372 to the Vermilion Parish Police Jury to install waterline extensions in Southeast Waterworks District.
- \$1,750 to the Vermilion Parish Police Jury to install waterlines and taps in Pecan Island Water District.
- \$12,500 to the Vermilion Parish School Board for the Kids ID Program.
- \$5,000 to the Vermilion Parish School Board for Indian Bayou Elementary School.
- \$50,000 to the Vermilion Parish Sheriff Department.
- \$16,667 to the Village of Maurice for the purchase of install valves, risers and pipes for the water system.
- \$16,667 to the Village of Maurice for police protection.

- **\$45,000 to the Village of Maurice for drainage, sewer, road, park and other improvements.**
- **\$28,665 to the Town of Delcambre for sewage improvements.**
- **\$16,667 to the Town of Delcambre for water system improvements.**
- **\$16,667 to the City of Kaplan to install automatic flushers for the water system.**
- **\$16,667 to the City of Kaplan for various improvements to the water system.**
- **\$16,667 to the City of Abbeville to upgrade fencing and install lighting at Comeaux Park.**
- **\$16,667 to the City of Abbeville to install new water connections between the City and the Magnolia Plantation Water District.**
- **\$16,667 to the Town of Erath to repair water service pumps and clean the storage tank.**
- **\$16,667 to the Town of Erath to the public works department for various improvements.**
- **\$16,667 to the Town of Gueydan to install new water main and connections along Canal Street.**
- **\$70,000 to the Town of Gueydan for road improvements.**
- **\$60,000 to the Coulee Baton Drainage District for drainage improvements.**
- **\$15,000 to the Leblanc Volunteer Fire Department for hurricane and emergency preparedness equipment.**
- **\$150,000 to the Louisiana Military Hall of Fame and Museum.**

In addition to the above funds, the following are included in the state construction budget:

- **\$150,000 for drainage improvements to Mt. Carmel Heights Subdivision in Abbeville.**
- **\$405,000 for Abbeville Sewer collection system upgrade.**
- **\$400,000 for the Abbeville Police Station.**
- **\$300,000 for roof repairs to the Abbeville Emergency Operations Center.**
- **\$295,000 to the City of Kaplan for a water treatment plant generator.**
- **\$240,000 to the City of Kaplan for construction and planning of a water treatment plant lime sludge thickener.**
- **\$750,000 to the City of Kaplan for the construction of the Public Safety Complex.**
- **\$750,000 for Vermilion Parish Road Improvements.**
- **\$250,000 for truck bypass route improvements in the Town of Gueydan.**
- **\$575,000 for flood protection in the Erath and Bayou Tigre Area.**
- **\$1,200,000 for Vermilion Parish road and bridge improvements.**
- **\$175,000 for the Town of Gueydan for road improvements.**
- **\$250,000 for a civic center-post hurricane shelter in the Village of Maurice.**
- **\$600,000 for a wastewater treatment facility in the Village of Maurice.**
- **\$140,000 for a wastewater treatment facility in the Town of Erath.**
- **\$350,000 for construction of a police and fire station in the Town of Erath.**
- **\$100,000 for construction of a public works facility in the Town of Erath.**
- **\$120,000 for renovation of Old Town Hall to the Delcambre Police Station.**
- **\$200,000 for restoration of Frank's Theater.**
- **\$100,000 to the Louisiana Military Hall of Fame & Museum.**
- **\$600,000 to the Pecan Island Waterworks District #3 Water System for system**

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In addition to the above funds, the following are 2009 surplus funds included in the state's coastal protection and restoration plan:

- **\$6,280,000 for construction of a four mile canal storm surge reduction.**
- **\$970,000 for engineering and design of the Delcambre-Avery Canal.**