

1 WHEREAS, House Concurrent Resolution No. 123 provides that the council shall
2 cease to exist on January 11, 2016, ". . . unless it is extended by further action of the
3 Louisiana Legislature. . ."; and

4 WHEREAS, House Concurrent Resolution No. 230 of the 2015 Regular Session of
5 the Louisiana Legislature continued the council's existence until June 30, 2016; and

6 WHEREAS, House Concurrent Resolution No. 36 of the 2016 Regular Session of
7 the Louisiana Legislature continued the council's existence until June 30, 2017; and

8 WHEREAS, House Concurrent Resolution No. 52 of the 2017 Regular Session of
9 the Louisiana Legislature continued the council's existence until January 13, 2020; and

10 WHEREAS, the participants in the watershed council's efforts for ". . . improving the
11 aquatic habitat of False River; to provide recommendations for the optimal management and
12 protection of the resources within the False River watershed . . ." are united in their desire
13 to continue those efforts through continued existence of the False River Watershed Council;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, to achieve the goal of a restored False River watershed as quickly and
16 completely as possible, it continues to be necessary to bring together the various government
17 interests, as well as nongovernmental stakeholder organizations who possess specialized
18 knowledge or whose members represent resource users in the False River watershed.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
20 extend the existence of the False River Watershed Council, whose membership shall be as
21 follows:

22 (1) The commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry or his designee
23 within the department.

24 (2) The secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality or his designee within
25 the department.

26 (3) The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health or his designee within the
27 department.

28 (4) The secretary of the Department of Natural Resources or his designee within the
29 department, who will serve as vice chair of the council.

1 (5) The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries or his designee within
2 the department, who shall serve as chair of the council.

3 (6) The state senator from Senate District 17.

4 (7) The state representative from House District 18.

5 (8) Two members to be selected by the senator from Senate District 17.

6 (9) Two members appointed by the representative from House District 18.

7 (10) Two members appointed by the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury.

8 (11) The director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness – Pointe Coupee Parish.

9 (12) One member appointed by the mayor of the city of New Roads.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the council shall submit a report to the
11 legislature no later than thirty days prior to the convening of the 2021 Regular Session.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the False River Watershed
13 Council shall not be entitled to receive any salary, per diem, expenses, mileage, or other
14 emoluments of the office for their service on this commission, outside of any that they may
15 be entitled to by virtue of their service in another public office.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the council shall, at the proper time, contact the
17 following federal resource agencies to solicit their views and input with respect to
18 completing the study requested by this Resolution:

19 (1) United States Army Corps of Engineers.

20 (2) United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

21 (3) United States Geological Survey.

22 (4) National Resources Conservation Service.

23 (5) United States Department of Agriculture.

24 (6) National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration.

25 (7) United States Environmental Protection Agency.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
27 Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury, the commissioner of agriculture, the secretary of the
28 Department of Environmental Quality, the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health,
29 the secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, and the secretary of the Department
30 of Wildlife and Fisheries.

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