Introduced October 8, 2013, by Councilman Hicks, seconded by Councilman Cusimano, (by request of Administration)

RESOLUTION R13-23

A resolution by the Slidell City Council requesting the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development, Division of Aviation, provide funds required to complete the airport improvements at the Slidell Municipal Airport specifically as described in the Capital Improvement Program Application for State Financial Assistance.

WHEREAS, Title 2 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 provides that cities, towns, parishes, and other political subdivisions of this State may separately or jointly acquire, establish, construct, expand, own, lease, control, equip, improve, maintain, operate, regulate, and police airports and landing fields for the use of aircraft; and

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development, Division of Aviation (formerly the LA DOTD-OAPT) is charged by Title 2 with the responsibility for the development of aviation facilities within the State to foster air commerce and to safeguard the interests of those engaged in all phases of the aviation industry and of the general public; and

WHEREAS, the City of Slidell hereinafter referred to as "Sponsor", has completed an FAA and DOTD approved Master Plan, Action Plan, and/or Airport Layout Plan which outlines the specific future development of the Slidell Municipal Airport; and, the Sponsor is desirous of implementing a portion of the approved Plan recommendations which provide for the critically needed improvements as stated below to substantially improve the safety and usability of the Airport, but does not have sufficient funds of its own required for completing the needed improvements; and

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WHEREAS, the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation is authorized by Title 2 to expend funds for the construction or enlargement of airports for the safety and advancement of aeronautics.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council:

SECTION I

That the Sponsor does hereby formally request that the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation provide funds required to complete the airport improvements at the Slidell Municipal Airport specifically as described in the Capital Improvement Program Application for State Financial Assistance dated September 23, 2013:

SECTION II

That the said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation be and is hereby assured that all necessary servitudes, rights-of-way, rights of ingress and egress and means thereof will be furnished by the Sponsor and the titles thereto will be valid and indefeasible, and that the Sponsor will assume ownership, financial reporting, and complete responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the airport after completion of said improvement.

SECTION III

That the Sponsor will save and hold the said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation, its officers, agents, and employees harmless from any liability or claim for damages arising out of the project, including death or injuries to third parties including, but not limited to, liability or claim for damages out of the negligence of said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation, its officers, agents, or employees, and expressly agrees to defend any suit of any nature brought against the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation as a result of this project.

SECTION IV

That the Mayor of the City of Slidell is hereby authorized to execute related documents/agreements as required by the rules and regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration and the State of Louisiana and the Clerk is hereby authorized to attest said execution.

That the Mayor of the City of Slidell be and is hereby authorized and directed to evidence this agreement by affixing his signature at the place provided therefore on this resolution and on subsequent related documents/agreements as required by the rules and regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration and the State of Louisiana and the Clerk is hereby authorized to attest said execution.

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SECTION V

That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

The Slidell City Council, Sponsor of the Slidell Municipal Airport, met in regular session on this date. The aforesaid resolution was offered by Councilman Hicks and seconded by Councilman Cusimano. The aforesaid resolution, having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: 8

NAYS: 1

ABSENT: 0

ADOPTED this 8th day of October, 2013.

Lionel Hicks

President of the Council Councilman, District A

Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator

ATTEST:

Freddy Drennan

Mayor

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CERTIFICATE

IT IS HEREBY certified that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed by the Slidell City Council, Sponsor of the Slidell Municipal Airport in regular session convened on this, the 8th day of October, 2013.

Thomas P. Reeves Council Administrator