

**MINUTES OF AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA,  
HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2020 AT 12:00 P.M. (NOON)  
IN THE TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, met, in emergency session, in the Town Hall Meeting Room in Vidalia, Louisiana, on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, at 12:00 P.M (NOON).

There were present: Mayor Buz Craft and Aldermen Jon Betts, Brent Smith, Robert Gardner, Tommy Probst, and Alderwoman Rosa I. Demby.

There was absent: NONE.

There were also present: Town Clerk, Jay LaSyone and Town Attorney, George C. Murray, Jr., and Executive Assistant to the Mayor, Pam Middleton.

The meeting was opened by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation was given by Alderman Betts.

A quorum being present, the Mayor declared the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, to be duly convened, in emergency session, as the governing authority of said municipality and opened the meeting for the conduct of business.

Agenda Item No. 1 was Board discussion and vote on a Resolution of the Town of Vidalia declaring a public health emergency due to the potential flooding and wind damages from Hurricanes Marco and Laura. The Mayor then advised the Board of the reasons for needing the emergency declarations and reminded them that those declarations are needed in order to be able to request emergency funding. There being no comments or discussions, it was moved by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman Probst, and unanimously carried, to pass the Resolution declaring the emergency, as presented to the Board.

(A COPY OF THE RESOLUTION IS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF).

Agenda Item No. 2 was Board discussion and vote on a Resolution of the Town granting Mayor Craft emergency powers for Town operations in responding to potential flooding and wind damage from Hurricane Marco & Laura. The Mayor then asked for comments or discussion, and there being none, it was moved by Alderman Betts, seconded by Alderman Probst, and unanimously carried, to pass the Resolution granting Mayor Craft the emergency powers, in accordance with the presented Resolution.

(A COPY OF THE RESOLUTION IS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF).

There being no further business, on motion of Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman Probst, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Jay LaSyone  
JAY LASYONE, CLERK

/s/ Buz Craft  
BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Gardner and seconded by Alderman Probst:

**RESOLUTION**

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY/DISASTER BY MAYORS**

**VIDALIA, LOUISIANA: LOCAL DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Vidalia, Concordia Parish, Louisiana, is presently faced with an emergency due to the potential flooding and wind damage from hurricanes Marco and Laura that could impact the Town, beginning August 25, 2020, and continuing until further notice, and the Town of Vidalia, State of Louisiana, wishes to declare a State of Emergency in accordance with the provisions of the State Emergency Management Law, and wishes to utilize its resources to the fullest extent; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town of Vidalia, Concordia Parish, Louisiana, convened in Emergency Session, that it does hereby declare that, under the authority of the laws of the State of Louisiana, a State of Emergency exists in the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, due to the potential flooding and wind damage which affects life, health, property and public peace.

The above RESOLUTION was adopted at the August 25, 2020, Emergency Meeting and the vote thereon was recorded as follows:

YEAS: Aldermen Betts, Gardner, Probst, Smith and Alderwoman Demby.

NAYS: NONE.

ABSTAINING: NONE.

ABSENT: NONE.

And the resolution was declared adopted effective this 25th day of August, 2020.

/s/ Jay LaSyone  
JAY LASYONE, CLERK

/s/ Buz Craft  
BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Betts and seconded by Alderman

Probst:

**RESOLUTION**

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY/DISASTERS BY MAYORS**

**VIDALIA, LOUISIANA: LOCAL DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY  
AND MAYOR AUTHORIZATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Vidalia, Concordia Parish, Louisiana, is presently faced with an emergency due to the potential flooding and wind damage from hurricanes Marco and Laura that could impact the Town, beginning August 25, 2020, and continuing until further notice, and the Town of Vidalia, State of Louisiana, wishes to declare a State of Emergency in accordance with the provisions of the State Emergency management Law, and wishes to utilize its resources to the fullest extent; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town of Vidalia, Concordia Parish, Louisiana, convened in Emergency Session, that Mayor, BUZ CRAFT, is hereby authorized to respond to the emergency as he deems appropriate and to direct and perform any acts necessary, and sign any and all documents necessary, to deal with the emergency described herein.

The above RESOLUTION was adopted at the August 25, 2020, Emergency Meeting and the vote thereon was recorded as follows:

YEAS: Aldermen Betts, Probst, Gardner, Smith and Alderwoman Demby.

NAYS: NONE.

ABSTAINING: NONE.

ABSENT: NONE.

And the resolution was declared adopted effective this 25th day of August, 2020.

/s/ Jay LaSyone  
JAY LASYONE, CLERK

/s/ Buz Craft  
BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR