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ST. CHARLES PARISH HOSTS REGIONS I AND II MEETING IN LULING ***2027 Meeting Host Announced: Orleans Parish***

LULING, LA – Police Jury Association of Louisiana (PJAL) members and guests gathered on Thursday, September 3, 2026, at the Edward A. Dufresne Community Center for the annual PJAL regions I and II meeting. The meeting featured remarks from guest speaker Col. Scotty Autin, St. Charles Parish President Matthew Jewell, PJAL President Robby Miller and PJAL Executive Director Guy Cormier.

Col. Autin, commander and district engineer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, highlighted the critical role of the Mississippi River in South Louisiana and beyond. His presentation covered crevasse management, coastal protection, flood risk management and the river's importance to the nation's economy and ecosystems. Autin also answered questions from attendees following his presentation.

Cormier provided members with legislative and regional updates. He discussed Constitutional Amendments 2 and 10 on the Nov. 3 ballot. Amendment 2 addresses the ability of a taxing authority to levy a millage rate below the maximum authorized rate under certain circumstances, while Amendment 10 addresses property tax exemptions for rehabilitated blighted or derelict property. Both amendments are supported by PJAL.

Cormier also noted that, thanks to all 64 parishes, Louisiana is now a 100% membership state with the National Association of Counties (NACo), giving Louisiana an additional seat on the organization's executive board.

Miller thanked the southern region for all they contribute to Louisiana, noting their economic impact, work ethic, and hospitality. He said, "You do the work. We appreciate you, and your citizens do too." He closed by inviting attendees to the PJAL Annual Convention, scheduled for March 3-5, 2027, at the Golden Nugget Lake Charles.

The three regions I and II resolutions committee members were re-elected into their positions: Vondra Etienne-Steib of St. James, Virgie Johnson of St. John and La Sandra Wilson of St. Charles. Region members also re-elected St. John the Baptist Parish President Jaclyn Hotard to continue serving as the regions I and II executive board member.

Jewell discussed the "St. Charles Parish, Made to Last" campaign, highlighting the parish's innovation, industry and community. He also presented the campaign's promotional video showcasing the people and places that make St. Charles unique.

Special thanks from the PJAL to the entire St. Charles Parish team for hosting a great meeting in

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their home parish. In addition to St. Charles Parish, Regions I & II includes: Orleans, Jefferson, Lafourche, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. James, St. John the Baptist and Terrebonne.

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