

RESOLUTION NO. 2281

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR LOUISIANA PLANNING DISTRICT 5 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BROADBAND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

WHEREAS, the Southwest Louisiana Regional Planning Commission (SWLA-RPC) has determined the benefits for expanded Fiber Optics planning, development and implementation in the region: **AND**

WHEREAS, there is a critical need to provide broadband-related training courses in SOWELA's rural campuses in the City of Oakdale, the City of Jennings and the City of Leesville; **AND**

WHEREAS, fiber training courses will help grow the technical workforce in rural communities by providing skills necessary to secure high-quality jobs in the ever-expanding telecommunications sector; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Board has determined increasing employment opportunities in rural communities will foster economic growth; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the role of broadband infrastructure for rural families and businesses and believes the grant and partnership with Southwest Louisiana Technical Community College will help expand technical workforce capacity: **AND**

WHEREAS, the Board of the SWLA-RPC has considered and approved the application to the USDA Broadband Technical Assistance Program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BROADBAND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

THIS RESOLUTION BEING ADOPTED ON THE 14TH DAY OF AUGUST 2024.



Mayor Marcus Renfrow
Chair

ATTEST:



Michael Hollier, AICP
Director