

RESOLUTION NO. 2321

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (SWLA-RPC) FOR LOUISIANA PLANNING DISTRICT 5 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOUTH CENTRAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PILOT STEEL FRAME RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM IN SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Southwest Louisiana Regional Planning Commission approved housing as a regionally significant need in 2022; **AND**

WHEREAS, the planning district has not had sufficient resources identified to initiate preparation of a regional housing plan; **AND**

WHEREAS, the past several years have witnessed a growing housing challenge to the local economy specifically in trained trade construction professionals, fortified materials and design, insurability and financing; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Southwest Louisiana Regional Planning Commission has budgeted a very limited amount of funding in the current Fiscal Year Budget of the planning district to evaluate and determine the best direction and strategies necessary to advance a housing initiative for the region; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Board is desirous of building partnerships, both private and public that can leverage limited resources for common deliverables in addressing housing needs; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Legislature adopted in 2025 Act No. 443, Part VIII of Chapter 3 of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:599.1 through 599.32 relative to the creation of the State Land Banking Authority Act; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Southwest Louisiana Regional Planning Commission has determined opportunities are now available to initiate a regional housing plan and program particularly under Act 443 and the Land Banking Authority for local governments; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has identified specific elements to be components of a Southwestern Louisiana Housing Initiative including construction of "Pivot Houses" as a pilot program on adjudicated properties; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has identified coordination with public and private entities on defining "fortified construction" with regional partners on housing finance and insurability;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR LOUISIANA PLANNING DISTRICT 5 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOUTH CENTRAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PILOT STEEL FRAME RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM IN SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA.

THIS RESOLUTION BEING APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON THE 22ND DAY OF OCTOBER 2025.


Jacob Dillehay, Chair

ATTEST: 
Michael Hollier, AICP, Director