

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of an ordinance adopted by the Cottonport Town Council, State of Louisiana, the "Governing Authority," acting as the governing authority of the Town of Cottonport, that a special election will be held within the Parish on May 16, 2026, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Town of Cottonport qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION

Shall the Mayor of the Town of Cottonport, with the approval of the Cottonport Town Council, be authorized to appoint a marshal who is the Chief of Police for the Town of Cottonport?

The said special election will be held at the following polling places stated within the Town of Cottonport which will be open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and will close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to-wit:

POLLING PLACES

938 Bryan Street, Cottonport, Louisiana 71327

The polling places set forth above are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF AVOUELLES

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Cottonport Town Council, the governing authority of the Town of Cottonport, do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by the Governing Authority, ordering and calling a special election to be held in the TOWN OF COTTONPORT, STATE OF LOUISIANA, and providing for the manners in connection therewith.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature and the impress of the official seal of the Town of Cottonport, Louisiana, on this 10 day of December, 2025.

Renee L. Gaspard

Town Clerk



**EARLY NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF A
PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A FLOODPLAIN AND WETLAND**

***Town of Cottonport
Drainage Improvements
Louisiana Watershed Initiative
Community Development Block Grant- Disaster Recovery Program***

Issue Date: April 3, 2026

To: All Interested Federal, State, and Local Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the Town of Cottonport has determined that the following proposed action under the State of Louisiana Community Development Block Grant B-18-DP-22-0001 is located in a wetland and/or floodplain, and the Town of Cottonport will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the wetland and/or floodplain and the potential impacts on the wetland and/or floodplain from the proposed action, as requested by Executive Order 11988 and 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

The proposed project includes removal and replacement of failed and undersized culverts, restoration of proper slope and vertical alignment of storm drainage pipe, restoration of proper slope and vertical alignment of open ditches, extension of open ditch drainage systems to elevations that will allow for positive drainage, clearing, grubbing and restoration of the channel alignment on Lateral L-19, and raising Lift Station No. 3. The Town of Cottonport has determined that approximately 7 acres of the drainage improvements project is located in or adjacent to floodplains and/or wetlands.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains or wetlands and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains/wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains/wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the Town of Cottonport at the following address on or before April 20, 2026: Town of Cottonport, P.O. Box 479, Cottonport, Louisiana, 71327 and (318) 876-3485, Attention: Mr. Terry Jeansonne, Mayor. A full description of the project may also be reviewed Monday thru Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at 939 Bryan Street, Cottonport, Louisiana, 71327. Comments may also be submitted via email at townclerk@thetownofcottonport.net.