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COUNCIL CHAIRMAN JOHN YOUNG SELECTED TO NATIONAL OIL SPILL TASK FORCE

Jefferson Parish Council Chairman John Young, Lafourche Parish President Charlotte Randolph and Police Jury Executive Director Roland Dartez have been appointed to the National Association of Counties (NACo) Oil Spill Task Force.

NACo National President Glen Whitley of Texas made the selection from parish/county leaders from Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. Whitley said, “It is our goal to assist you in the Deepwater Horizon oil spill cleanup, recovery and restoration process by facilitating information sharing and problem solving across the states and advocating for your interest in Washington, D.C.”

The Task Force will focus on the following:

- Establishment of a dedicated federal funding program to reimburse counties and parishes for clean-up expenses and lost revenue.
- Streamlining of the local government claims submission and reimbursement process.
- Support for lifting the moratorium on deep water drilling to mitigate economic losses in the region.
- Support for additional resources to address the mental health needs of Gulf Coast residents.

Council Chairman Young stated he is proud to have been selected to represent Jefferson Parish on this oil spill task force. “NACo is the only national organization that represents parish/county governments before the Administration and Congress. I look forward to actively participating in all efforts to solve the problems we face from the catastrophic effects of the oil spill.”

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