

**CITY OF BILOXI
AGENDA ITEM
FACT SHEET**

Item No.: 5N

Council Meeting Date: June 16, 2026

ITEM TITLE: RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich

CONTACT PERSON: Richard Weaver, Chief Administrative Officer
Christy LeBatard, Director of Engineering

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

Resolution authorizing submission of a grant application to the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources for Tidelands funding to be utilized in connection with Ancient Oaks dredging

Resolution Ordinance _____ Public Hearing _____ Routine Agenda _____

Exhibits for Review

Contract Minutes _____ Plans/Maps _____ Deed _____ Lease _____

Other (Specify): Exhibit A: Application

Submittal Authorization: Council President _____ Mayor

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval

COUNCIL ACTION: Motion By: _____ Second By: _____

Vote:	Councilmember	Yes	No	AFR	ABST	Councilmember	Yes	No	AFR	ABST
	Gray	___	___	___	___	Tisdale	___	___	___	___
	Marshall	___	___	___	___	Glavan	___	___	___	___
	Nail	___	___	___	___	Shoemaker	___	___	___	___
	Creel	___	___	___	___					

ACTION TAKEN:

Resolution No.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES FOR TIDELANDS FUNDING TO BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION WITH ANCIENT OAKS DREDGING

WHEREAS, the City of Biloxi (the "City") has identified a need for dredging in Ancient Oaks to remove accumulated sedimentation;

WHEREAS, the City is eligible to receive funding from the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (the "MDMR") under the Tidelands grant program, which has been established to improve public access to marine resources;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to submit the grant application, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A," requesting funding in the amount of Four Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$400,000.00) from MDMR with no required match from the City;

WHEREAS, if awarded, the requested funding will be utilized by the City to re-establish suitable navigable channels by increasing the waterways depth and width in Ancient Oaks and restoring adequate stormwater runoff while providing for safe navigation of waterways for recreational boaters and fisherman; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of Christy LeBatard, Director of Engineering, that the City submit the request for funding described herein to MDMR.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI, THAT:

SECTION ONE: The statements, findings, determinations and conclusions contained in the preamble of this resolution are hereby adopted, ratified and incorporated herein.

SECTION TWO: The Mayor, on behalf of the City of Biloxi, is authorized to execute the grant application, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A," to the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, requesting grant funding in the amount of Four Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$400,000.00), with no required match from the City of Biloxi.

SECTION THREE: The Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution and to provide any information required by Mississippi Department of Marine Resources in order to complete its review of said application.

SECTION FOUR: This resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after adoption.



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**EXHIBIT
A**

Public Access Managed Project

Official Use Only

Project Number: _____
Average Merit Score: _____
Requesting Agency: _____

PROJECT SUMMARY

1. Title of Project: *red outlines indicate required fields*

Dredging Project at Ancient Oaks

2. Location of Project:

City of Biloxi, Harrison County

3. Requesting Agency

City of Biloxi

3.a Select your Office (DMR Applicants Only)

4. Requesting Agency Representative:

a. Name: A.M. Gililch Jr

b. Phone: (228) 435-6254

c. Fax: (228) 435-6129

d. Address: P.O. Box 429 Biloxi, MS 39533

e. Email: agilich@biloxi.ms.us

5. Project Manager:

a. Name: Christy LeBatard, PE

b. Phone: (228) 435-6269

c. Fax:

d. Address: 214A Delauney Street, Biloxi, MS 39530

e. Email: clebatard@biloxi.ms.us

6. Funding Requested:

\$ 400,000.00

6a. Requested Funding for Required Match:

6b. Amount Above Matching Funds:

7. Matching Funds:

\$ 0.00

8. Source of Matching Funds:

9. Total Project Funds

\$ 400,000.00

Joint Project Information

Is this a Joint Project?

Yes No

If yes, enter the agency:

Other Agency's Contact:

rquave@biloxi.ms.us



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PROJECT SUMMARY

10. Provide Brief Project Description/Overview:

The proposed project is to re-establish suitable navigable channels within Ancient Oaks. Continued siltation from storm water runoff, impact from storm surge, normal wave action and accumulated debris have contributed to the shallow water depths within these nearshore areas. The shallowing of these waterways is impacting safe recreational usage and increasing the waterways depth and width, will restore adequate stormwater runoff, safe navigation of waterways and provide enhanced recreational opportunities to access a Tidelands area.

11. LIST Project Goals/Objectives:

The project goal is to improve public access to and the enjoyment of Brasher Bayou Tidelands area located off of the Biloxi Back Bay

Objectives include:

- re-establish suitable navigable channels
- restore adequate stormwater runoff

12. LIST Project Benefits:

Project benefits include:

- improving public access to Ancient Oaks Tidelands area;
- improve safe navigation of waterways for recreational boaters;
- restore adequate areas for stormwater runoff.



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13. LIST Project Tasks:

- applying for appropriate permits;
- completing construction plans & specifications;
- bidding & awarding construction contract;
- dredging of existing channel

14. Project Timetable/Milestones:

This project will be completed within two years of grant award and milestones include award of construction contract, and construction completion.

15. If this project has been funded previously through Tidelands Trust Fund indicate which fiscal years: *(type N/A if not applicable)*

16. Project Timing:



Short-term (3 years or less)



Deferred/long-term (3 – 5 years)



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APPLICATION SUMMARY QUESTIONNAIRE

17. Is this a Multi-Phase Project? Yes No

18. Is any part of this project located on private property? Yes No

19. Is there an existing lease between the requesting agency and property owner? Yes No

20. If required, are the plans approved by the DMR Permitting Office? Yes No

21. Will this project enhance an existing water-dependent activity? Yes No

Identify the activity:

Recreational boating and fishing

22. Does this project coordinate with other existing or planned projects? Yes No

Identify the project(s):

23. Will this project involve impacting, filling, or dredging coastal wetlands? Yes No

If yes, what acreage:

24. Identify the constituency or interest group(s) which this project will serve:

This project will provide safe navigation of waterways and enhanced recreational opportunities to access a Tidelands area for recreational boaters and fisherman.

25. Identify the service that this project will provide to the group(s) identified in 24:

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26. Project Category:

(more than one may apply)

- Conservation
- Reclamation
- Preservation
- Acquisition
- Education
- Public Access
- Public Improvement
- Other (Identify)

27. Current status of architectural/ engineering plans & specifications for this project (if applicable):
(check one from each group)

- Group 1:
- Completed
 - In Progress
 - Ready to Bid
 - Other (identify)

- Group 2:
- Paid for
 - Funds budgeted
 - Funds not budgeted

28. Categorize the benefits from 12:

- Environmental
- Economic
- Safety
- Public
- Other (identify)

Recreational

29. Have other State or Federal funding sources been identified for the project?

- Yes
- No

If yes, identify:

30. In what way does this project meet the goals and objectives of the Department of Marine Resources and the Secretary of State's Office, which include enhancing, protecting, conserving and providing public access to tidelands affected areas?

This project will restore safe recreational usage of the waterway by increasing the waterways depth and width and provide enhanced opportunities for the public to access a Tidelands area.



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APPLICATION SUMMARY

31. Summarize, in paragraph form, your Tidelands Application below. Give additional detail from TTF-1 Section 7 and include how the project will meet the requirements of the Public Trust Tidelands Act and the potential benefits that would be derived from receipt of Tidelands Trust Funds.

The purpose of this project is to re-establish suitable navigable channels by increasing the waterways depth and width in Ancient Oaks and restoring adequate stormwater runoff while providing for safe navigation of waterways for recreational boaters and fisherman.

This project meets the requirements of the Public Trust Tidelands Act by preserving a public Tidelands area and improving public access to it.



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32. Estimated number of years to completion:

33. Estimated Completion Date:

34. Prioritize if your agency has submitted multiple projects

35. SIGNATURES

Project Manager:
Signature Date

Requesting Agency Representative:
Signature Date

36. Attach project schematics or drawings as appropriate

*Progress notes must be submitted semi-annually on Public Access projects and DMR projects, and quarterly on Managed projects.



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BUDGET

Category	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total
Salaries, wages, Fringe						\$ 0.00
Travel						\$ 0.00
Architecture & Engineering	50000	30000				\$ 80,000.00
Legal						\$ 0.00
Consulting						\$ 0.00
Construction		320000				\$ 320,000.00
Site Work						\$ 0.00
Equipment						\$ 0.00
Land Acquisition						\$ 0.00
Indirects						\$ 0.00
Other						\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 400,000.00

Funding Sources	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total
*Tidelands Funding Reallocated (Project #: _____, Year _____)						\$ 0.00
**Tidelands Funding Awarded						\$ 0.00
***Federal Grants Funding						\$ 0.00
***FEMA Funding						\$ 0.00
***MEMA Funding						\$ 0.00
***CDBG Funding						\$ 0.00
***In-Kind Donations						\$ 0.00
***Other						\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Instructions:

1. If project will be completed in one year, complete only the "Year 1" budget column.
2. If project will be completed in two years, complete "Year 1" and "Year 2" columns.
3. Follow the same process as above for "Year 3", "Year 4", and "Year 5", if project will not be completed for 5 years.
4. *This should be completed only if you plan to reallocate existing funds to this project.
5. **This should only be completed if you were awarded funds in previous Tidelands year for other phases of this same project.
6. ***Refer only to matching funds secured for this project.



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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

1. Title of Project:

Dredging Project at Ancient Oaks

2. Location of Project:

City of Biloxi, Harrison County

3. Requesting Agency:

City of Biloxi

6. Funding Requested:

\$ 400,000.00

7. Matching Funds:

\$ 0.00

8. Source of Matching Funds:

9. Total Project Funds:

\$ 400,000.00

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