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To: Appropriations A

HOUSE BILL NO. 10

1 AN ACT APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE
2 PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE PAT HARRISON WATERWAY
3 DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
6 necessary, is authorized and approved for expenditure out of any
7 funds which are received by or otherwise become available to the
8 Pat Harrison Waterway District, for the purpose of defraying the
9 expenses of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
10 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....\$ 7,764,319.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** Of the funds approved for expenditure under the
12 provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

13 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

14 Permanent: 42

15 Time-Limited: 0

16 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
17 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law. No
18 general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to



19 replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being
20 used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and
21 which are withdrawn and no longer available.

22 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
23 Pat Harrison Waterway District shall maintain complete accounting
24 and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds
25 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the
26 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year
27 2025. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the
28 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2027 shall be submitted to
29 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of
30 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided
31 during the Fiscal Year 2026 budget request process.

32 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
33 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
34 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
35 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
36 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
37 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
38 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
39 made without competitive bids.

40 **SECTION 5.** The funds herein approved for expenditure, except
41 and less an amount approved by the State Fiscal Officer which
42 shall be sufficient to cover disbursements for current operations,
43 shall be deposited at interest with any official depository of the



state at a rate of interest numerically not less than one percent (1%) below the bank discount rate on United States Treasury bills of comparable maturity as determined by the State Treasurer.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) is authorized to be expended to defray the cost of park facilities repairs only. These repairs are to include bath houses and cabins and to exclude any Flint Creek Horse Trail repairs.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Four Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$480,000.00) is authorized to be expended to defray the cost of dam repairs.

SECTION 8. The Pat Harrison Waterway District shall provide a report on completed park facilities repairs. This report shall be provided to the Legislature by December 1, 2025, and shall include photos of stated repairs. The Pat Harrison Waterway District shall provide the Joint Legislative Budget Committee a copy of this report with the subsequent fiscal year's budget submission.

SECTION 9. The Pat Harrison Waterway District shall provide an annual five-year plan containing a prioritized list detailing the purposes, goals and projected costs of projects which it intends to implement or is in the process of implementing. This report shall be provided to the Legislature on or before July 15 of each year as required in Section 51-15-119(2). The Pat Harrison Waterway District shall provide the Joint Legislative



69 Budget Committee a copy of this report with the current year's
70 budget submission.

71 **SECTION 10.** The Pat Harrison Waterway District shall provide
72 an annual audit of the district operations. This report shall be
73 provided to the Legislature as required in Section 51-15-119(3).
74 The Pat Harrison Waterway District shall provide the Joint
75 Legislative Budget Committee a copy of this report with the
76 current year's budget submission.

77 **SECTION 11.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
78 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with
79 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency
80 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their
81 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally
82 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for
83 actions contrary to this provision.

84 **SECTION 12.** The money herein approved for expenditure shall
85 be disbursed upon bank checks signed by the proper person, officer
86 or officers, in the manner provided by law.

87 **SECTION 13.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
88 and after July 1, 2025.

