Parish President Pat Brister, in partnership with Sheriff Jack Strain, is changing the evacuation of the area between Bush and Hickory, east of Highway 41 from mandatory to voluntary.

The Army Corps of Engineers Vicksburg District has lowered the pressure on Lock 2 near Bush. The Corps informed President Brister this morning that the threat level is lowered significantly.

As there is still a potential threat, even though reduced, a voluntary evacuation remains in place until the Army Corps of Engineers deems the Lock stable and safe.

Please stay vigilant.