

**Coast Louisiana Levee Consortium Meeting**

**Capital Building, PRESS ROOM – 4th Floor**

**900 North Third Street**

**Baton Rouge, LA 70802**

**Wednesday, September 28, 2016**

**9:30 A.M.**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order – *Windell Curole 10:12AM*
2. Roll Call - II. Windell Curole asked Nedra Davis, Secretary to call roll based on the parishes/levee districts/authorities:

Present:

Amite, Dietmar Rietschier

Office of the Governor – Coastal Activities, Chip Kline, Charles Sutcliff, Stephanie Aymond

Chenier Plain Authority, Nedra Davis

North Lafourche, Dwayne Bourgeois

South Lafourche, Windell Curole

Terrebonne Parish, Reggie Dupre

SLFPAE, Robert Turner

SLFPAW, John Monzon

St. Mary, Tim Matte

Plaquemines, Benny Rousselle

Lafourche Basin, Ivy Chauvin

Absent:

Atchafalaya, Will Tyson

Grand Isle, David Carmardelle

Jefferson Davis

Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority, Nyka Scott

Ponchartrain Levee District, Steve Wilson

The Sewage and Water Board of New Orleans

St. Tammany Parish, Pat Brister

Iberia Parish, Ray Fremin

Ponchartrain Levee District, Steve Wilson

Guests: Troy Theriot, Guy McInnis, Timothy Doody, Keith Conley, Natalie Newton, Nicole Cutforth, Bob Jacobsen, and David St. Marie

CPRA: Chip Kline; David Peterson, Jerry Jones

Congress: Paul Sawyer (Rep. Garret Graves)

1. Approval of Agenda – no quorum
2. Approval of Minutes from 31 March 2016; the 12 July 2016 did not have quorum, 28 September 2016 did not have quorum.
3. Operations and Maintenance costs for New Orleans area Federal Flood Protection System – Guy McInnis - Resolution No. 2016-01 was sent out to all the members; Mr. Yenni’s Staff gave comments on the issue stating perfect vehicle for going forward. David Peterson gave his legal perspective on legislation issues. Chip Kline recommended that Windell present this to the CPRA board, but not as a resolution.
4. Paul Sawyer, Congressman Graves’ office – WRDA update – reassert 2-year pattern of WRDA bills. Moved more towards collaborating with USACE. This acknowledges no earmarking now. Consider and approve projects of the USACE continuing 2014, project development occurs at the local level in including the state and local levee boards. This is high-level view of the House. Congressman Graves, WRDA – deals with establishing coastal mitigation bank. 6 Amendments, 2 approved, 2 for roll call, and House Rules Committee will meet this morning, 3 other Amendments approved last night. Time line on 408 process. Intent, stop lingering process of 408 permits that go on for years. 404 problem is now 408. Timeline. If haven’t considered in 180 days, it is considered approved. Next is the severing of Davis-Bacon prevailing wage vote. Next, flood mitigation amendment passed by voice vote. Comite and Comite Plus. Had Comite been completed, it would have mitigated the flood damage. Language intends to recognize the project designed in the 1990’s, and BR and Livingston area are fast growing, landscape doesn’t look the same as the 90’s. We need to understand what we need to do in the basin to move water into Maurepas. Language directs USACE designs and plans and move toward construction as soon as possible. Took page from Katrina. Congress and State threw resources and develop those projects quickly. Another amendment, Congressman Boustany is pushing, hoping it made an order – reauthorize the budget for SWC. Three other – requires CWPPRA rotate its chairmanship every two years. There are other agencies in federal government that have interest and not being heard. Leadership could facilitate this. Next creates arbitration vehicle, rather than fighting it out in the courts.

1. Needed Legislation – Reggie Dupre, TLCD – Number 6& 7, operation of federal protection system and reinstate 5 mill authorization for new levee districts go together - need to go to the legislators in the area and get their support. David Peterson – you have to set the millage amount at 5 mills at beginning. Roll back is the issue. Careful with the roll back. Take out provision of everyone before 2006 has and those after don't. Passing the tax has been difficult. Number 1-4 Riparian right, Attorney fees, Require Judges clarify to accept fair market value, and no class action suits on appropriation seem to be one instrument. Can we tweak the statutory provisions on fair market value? Will the Judges reflect the reality on the ground? Number 5 – the safety of flood control contractors and employees while performing their duties is recognized by the legislature. Adjacent landowners may not endanger the health and lives, including shooting in the direction of such workers. The flood control district has the power to schedule times when shooting, or any other possible hazardous event, will not be allowed. – David Peterson - Submit the list to Charles to put together the agenda and legislation.
2. 2016 Flood and the Comite Diversion – Dietmar Rietschier - Focus on the Amite Basin. Ppt presentation.
3. NFIP Update – Dwayne Bourgeois, NLLD – One of the other things that Congressman Graves is working on, small technical group, what is NFIP – verse and chapter of laws. Working to pull group together. Disturbing one, Luetkemeyer (Missouri) – you will be able to see smoke in DC when he drops his bill.
4. Protecting the Chenier Plain (Video) – Nedra Davis, Chenier Plain Authority – will view next time, ran out of time.
5. Public Comment
6. Adjourn – at 11:49AM.

**ATTEST:**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Nedra Davis**

**Secretary**