

**MINUTES**

**Coastal Levee Consortium Meeting**

**Thursday, July 10, 2014**

**LaSalle Building, Griffon Room**

**617 N. Third Street Baton Rouge, LA**

**2:00 p.m.**

1. Jerome Zeringue, CPRA-Chairmancalled the meeting to order at 2:00PM
2. Jerome Zeringue asked for an approval of agenda
   * Windell Curole made a motion to approve the agenda.
   * Reggie Dupre seconded the motion.
   * No opposition.
3. Jerome Zeringue introduced local officials and Senator Norby Chabert. Senator Chabert presented an overview of ACT 387 of the 2014 Legislative Session.
4. Jerome Zeringue, CPRA initiated roll call

* Present: David Carmardelle, Grand Isle; Nyka Scott, Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority; Will Tyson, Dietmar Rietchier, Amite Basin Commission; Earl Landry, Chenier Plain Coastal Restoration & Protection Authority; Nedra Davis CPCRPA; Dwayne Bourgeois, North Lafourche; Reggie Dupuy, Terrebonne, Jerome Zeringue, CPRA; Windell Curole, SLLD; Steve Wilson, Pontchartrain Levee District; Susan Maclay, SLFPAW; John Monzon, SLFPAW; Bill Hidalgo, St. Mary Levee District; and Pat Brister, St. Tammany Parish
  + Absent: R. Gonsoulin; Randy Trosclair, Lafourche Levee District; Robert Turner, SLFPAE; and Nicole Cooper, Lafitte Levee District

1. Jerome Zeringue took nominations from the floor for the election of Chair & Vice Chair.
   * Reggie Dupre reminded that the chair needed to be a seated member of the CPRA Board. He then made a nomination for Windell Curole to be Chair
     + Steve Wilson seconded the nomination.
     + Jerome Zeringue asked for any other nominations.
     + No opposition.

Windell Curole took nominations from the floor for the Vice Chair position.

* + Steve Wilson made a motion to nominate Earl Landry as Vice Chair.
  + Nedra Davis seconded the motion.
  + Windell Curole asked for any more nominations.
  + No opposition.
  + Windell Curole asked for a technical chair, nominating Dwayne Bourgeois.
  + Nedra Davis seconded the nomination.
  + No opposition.

1. Windell Curole, SLLD gave an outline of the Comprehensive Hurricane Protection Strategic Plan and how it can be used to move forward on putting together a white paper from the Consortium.
2. Jerome Zeringue introduced Jason Lanclos, Deputy Director; Ignacio Harrouch, CPRA; and Russ CPRA Engineering. Jerome Zeringue lists the obligations of this consortium:
   * 1. To provide an annual report to CPRA. Jerome Zeringue introduced the CPRA Staff: David, Charles, Elise, Meg Bankston, EOC that will help.
     2. To meet twice a year. We are to work with ALBL and with the northern parishes as well.
3. Windell Curole talked about John Stringer to represent the non-coastal Northern Levee interests.
   * Steve Wilson nominated John Stringer, Tensas Levee District to represent the non-coastal parishes.
   * Reggie Dupre seconded the motion.
   * No opposition.
   * Nedra Davis volunteered to act as Secretary.
   * Windell Curole made a motion to nominate Nedra Davis as Secretary.
   * Dwayne Bourgeois seconded the nomination.
   * No opposition.
4. Dietmar Rietchier, ARBC gave a presentation on the Discharge Basins into Lakes Pontchartrain and Maurepas.
5. Dwayne Bourgeois, North Lafourche, presented information on USACE issues and FEMA Flood Insurance information. Pull our impact together as a group for 1. Economy of scale, and 2. Keep dollars to benefit flood protection and marsh creation.
   * Windell Curole would like to form a committee that Dwayne Bourgeois leads to address these issues
   * Jerome Zeringue will reach out to the Levee Districts and ask them to send the representative for this. We need the point of contact.
6. Nedra asked about the rules for public meeting law. David Peterson with CPRA explained the rules. Jerome Zeringue said that CPRA would put them on the website.
7. Steve Wilson presented information on ALBL and the position paper that he sent Windell Curole and CPRA. He requests that the board looks at it. ALBL is not public. We do not want to have a conflicting mission statement.
8. Sen. Chabert discussed the influence of this consortium over public policy; an infrastructure committee is needed to develop criteria, evacuation impact criteria. There is a gap with DOTD and CPRA in what a legislator would see as important. Lend some weight to decisions on infrastructure investments for hurricane evacuation.
9. Reggie Dupre discussed policy initiatives and recommendations that will be needed from this consortium.
10. Jerome Zeringue discussed the 2017 Master Plan. Make sure consistent with protection. Reaffirm the plan.
11. Steve Wilson discussed West Shore Lake Pontchartrain. ALBL priority list; discussed position paper – going to Washington … we could all bring our levee district priorities so we know what we each need to do for funding at national and state level.
12. Jerome Zeringue would like this consortium to focus the efforts of USACE and the levee districts.
13. Windell Curole would like this consortium to reach out to get local knowledge to make sense on a state and federal level.
14. Earl Landry asked who would be helping the consortium on legal concerns. Windell Curole said the AG’s office would help on a case-by-case basis.
15. Windell Curole asked for Public Comment.
16. Windell asked for future dates possibly in August to meet again before ALBL goes to Washington. Steve Wilson asked for March and July to meet before ALBL goes to Washington. Reggie Dupre mentioned that we should have a meeting in January to talk about State issues.
17. Adjournment:
    * Dwayne Bourgeois motioned to adjourn the meeting.
    * Nedra Davis seconded the motion.
    * No opposition.

Chair, Windell Curole adjourned the meeting at 3:09PM.

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**Nedra Davis**

**Secretary**