IBERIA PARISH LEVEE, HURRICANE,

AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, January 4, 2018

TIME: Six (6:00) O’Clock P. M.

PLACE: Iberia Parish Courthouse, Council Chambers

300 Iberia Street – 4th Floor, New Iberia, LA 70560

ATTENDANCE: James Stein, James Landry, Benson Langlinais, Roy Pontiff, Patrick Broussard, Scott Ransonet, Edwin Leblanc,

ABSENT: Ronald Gonsoulin, Lauren Brown

OTHERS: Executive Director Ray Fremin, Jr.,

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman James Stein called the meeting to order.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Roy Pontiff, seconded by James Landry, that the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane and Conservation District does herby approve the October 5, 2017 minutes as published.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Stein, James Landry, Benson Langlinais, Roy Pontiff, Patrick Broussard, Scott Ransonet, Edwin Leblanc.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Ronald Gonsoulin, Lauren Brown.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 4th day of January, 2018.

A motion was made by Patrick Broussard, seconded by Scott Ransonet, that the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane and Conservation District does herby approve the December 5, 2017 minutes as published.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Stein, James Landry, Benson Langlinais, Roy Pontiff, Patrick Broussard, Scott Ransonet, Edwin Leblanc.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Ronald Gonsoulin, Lauren Brown.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 4th day of January, 2018.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS

None.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED

 (Comments accepted from the general public)

A motion was made by Patrick Broussard, seconded by Scott Ransonet, that the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District does hereby recess its Special Session and convene into Public Hearing to receive public comments on business to be discussed.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Stein, James Landry, Benson Langlinais, Roy Pontiff, Patrick Broussard, Scott Ransonet, Edwin Leblanc.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Ronald Gonsoulin, Lauren Brown.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 4th day of January, 2018.

Mr. Pat Landry stated that he is resigning from CPRA at the end of the month and has accepted a position with DOTD in Baton Rouge for Statewide flood control.

Upon hearing no further comments, a motion was made by Scott Ransonet, seconded by James Landry, that the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District does hereby recess its Public Hearing and reconvene into Special Session.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Stein, James Landry, Benson Langlinais, Roy Pontiff, Patrick Broussard, Ronald Gonsoulin, Scott Ransonet, Edwin Leblanc.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Ronald Gonsoulin, Lauren Brown.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 4th day of January, 2018.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

1. Balance

Executive Director Ray Fremin, Jr. stated that there is an account balance of $99,268.26. He directed the members of the District to a handout of monthly expenses and stated that there is 52% of the budgeted dollars remaining.

Mr. Pontiff questioned if they would be receiving payments from the Parish for the months of November and December. Mr. Fremin stated that he did not bill the Parish for said payments, because they previously discussed giving said funds back to the Parish. He stated that he didn’t know it was necessary, but that he can bill the Parish for said payments.

Upon questioning if the funding obtained by the District was being returned because the board is dissolving, Chairman Stein advised that there is no official documentation dissolving the Board, but advised that several members do want to resign. He explained that it is up to each appointing entity to appoint a new person. In regards to the remaining funds allocated to the District, Mr. Fremin advised that the CPA requested that they obtain direction from the Legislative Auditor. Mr. Fremin then advised that he has been in contact and has provided all requested information to the Legislative Auditor’s Office. Mr. Fremin then pointed out that returning said funds to the entities who provided the funding is necessary because said funding was requested for operations (Executive Directors salary) which will no longer be used for said reason.

Upon questioning, Mr. Fremin stated that he does not intend to resign until all current business is complete, unless for some reason he does get another job.

The members of the District then discussed that Mr. Fremin would need a termination date in order to have an audit, which isn’t available at this time. Mr. Fremin pointed out that they are waiting on the Legislative Auditors Office to provide guidelines in order to determine what needs to be done. Mr. Fremin then stated that he understood that a motion made by the board at the previous meeting was to have an audit to close the books. He then stated that said task could be completed by March 1st if guidelines are received from the Auditor’s Office.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Canvass of Election Results per notice previously published.

 Excerpt from published election call notice,

(…NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Council Chambers, 4th Floor Main Courthouse Building, 300 S. Iberia Street, New Iberia, Louisiana, on **THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2018**, at **SIX O'CLOCK (6:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election.)

Resolution No. 2018-01

It was then moved by Benson Langlinais, seconded by Edwin Leblanc, and unanimously carried that the Board of Commissioners of Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane and Conservation District, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), canvass the returns and declare the result of the special election held in the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane and Conservation District, State of Louisiana:

PROCÈS VERBAL AND PROCLAMATION OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE IBERIA PARISH LEVEE, HURRICANE AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON NOVEMBER 18, 2017.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on Thursday, January 4, 2018, at six o'clock (6:00) p.m., at its regular meeting place, the Council Chambers, 4th Floor Main Courthouse Building, 300 S. Iberia Street, New Iberia, Louisiana, the Board of Commissioners of Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane and Conservation District, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane and Conservation District, State of Louisiana (the "District"), and being the authority ordering the special election held therein on November 18, 2017, with a quorum being present, did examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the said election, and did examine and canvass the returns of said election, there having been submitted at said election the following proposition to wit:

PROPOSITION

(MILLAGE)

Shall the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane and Conservation District (the “District”), levy a five (5) mills tax on all the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated $2,900,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of thirty (30) years, beginning with the year 2018 and ending with the year 2047, to be dedicated solely for the purposes of construction, acquisition, maintenance, operation and extension and/or improvement of levees, hurricane/surge protection, and flood control within the District?

The canvass of the results of the election showed that there was a total of **2,102** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of **5,696** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition, and that there wasa majority of **3,594** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition as hereinabove set forth.

Therefore, the Governing Authority did declare and proclaim and does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that the Proposition as hereinabove set forth was duly **DEFEATED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special election.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Stein, James Landry, Benson Langlinais, Roy Pontiff, Patrick Broussard, Scott Ransonet, Edwin Leblanc.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Ronald Gonsoulin, Lauren Brown.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 4th day of January, 2018.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at New Iberia, Louisiana, on this, the 4th day of January, 2018.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

February 1, 2017

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Scott Ransonet, seconded by Benson Langlinais, that the District does hereby adjourn.

All members present voted affirmatively and the motion carried unanimously.

I hereby certify the fore going to be exact and true:

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Ray Fremin, Jr., Executive Director

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