IBERIA PARISH LEVEE, HURRICANE,

AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, March 1, 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 Landry, Vice-Chairman; Secretary/Treasurer, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; Scott Ransonet, Lauren Brown, Roy Pontiff, Edwin LeBlanc, and Ronald Gonsoulin.

ABSENT: Benson Langlinais and James Stein.

OTHERS: Ray Fremin, Jr.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman James Landry called the meeting to order.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ronald Gonsoulin, seconded by Lauren Brown, that the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane and Conservation District does herby approve the February 1, 2018 minutes as published.

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

YEAS: James Landry, Scott Ransonet, Lauren Brown, Roy Pontiff, Edwin LeBlanc, and Ronald Gonsoulin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Benson Langlinais and James Stein.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 1st day of March, 2018.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED

(Comments accepted from the general public)

A motion was made by Ronald Gonsoulin, 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 Landry, Scott Ransonet, Lauren Brown, Roy Pontiff, Edwin LeBlanc, and Ronald Gonsoulin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Benson Langlinais and James Stein.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 1st day of March, 2018.

Upon hearing no comments, a motion was made by Ronald Gonsoulin, seconded by Scott Saunier, that the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District does hereby recess its Public Hearing and reconvene into Regular Session.

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

YEAS: James Landry, Scott Ransonet, Lauren Brown, Roy Pontiff, Edwin LeBlanc, and Ronald Gonsoulin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Benson Langlinais and James Stein.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 1st day of March, 2018.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

1. Election of Secretary Treasurer - (Since the last meeting there have been some resignations from the board. At some point the Parish Government and Port of Iberia is expected to request applications to fill those positions from the general public. These notices will be in the local newspaper when released.)

Vice-Chairman James Landry opened the floor for nominations of Secretary/Treasurer.

A nomination was made by Lauren Brown, seconded by Roy Pontiff, nominating Mr. Ronald Gonsoulin for Secretary/Treasurer.

A motion was made by Lauren Brown, seconded by Edwin LeBlanc, closing nominations for Secretary/Treasurer.

Vice-Chairman announced Mr. Ronald Gonsoulin as Secretary/Treasurer.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

1. Mr. Fremin reported the current balance as of February 15, 2018 is $88,837.27.
2. Mr. Fremin reported other information, as follows:
3. The filing for Quarter 1 Report of 2018 for the US Treasury Tax Payments cannot be completed until after March 9, 2018 as the new forms are not available at this time;
4. The La. Dept of Revenue filing has been completed for Quarter 1 of 2018;
5. All year end filings due after January 1, 2019 but before January 31, 2019 will be filed by Kolder, Champagne, Slaven and Company at the appropriate time;
6. All fiscal year end data has been transferred to the CPA for their work on the final compilation;
7. Bills remaining include payment to the CPA and the distribution of funds to Iberia Parish Government and the Port of Iberia which will be calculated on a pro-rata share based on funding levels received for the current 2017/18 funding year;
8. The District is still waiting on the refund of prepaid insurance premiums on the liability policy and the workers compensation policy which were cancelled on 1/31/18. Confirmation for the premium return on the liability policy of $631.20 has been received; and
9. Arrangements have been made with Iberia Parish President Larry Richard to allow the Levee District to continue to operate out of the current office in the Courthouse Annex. The board through the board’s Chairman will have access to the office which houses the files of the District, as well as, any remaining supplies and a printer. He also noted that the telephone and internet communications will remain in the office.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. CWPPRA Project for Marsh Island marsh creation submitted by EPA and NRCS Status Report.

Mr. Fremin stated that the EPA put together a project for Marsh Island marsh creation that was submitted and presented to CWPPRA. He explained that the project passed the first vote and will proceeded to the next vote by a Technical Committee. He then advised that said project will go through many stages of review and in the end three or four projects will be selected to be funded, all to happen after January 2019.

Mr. Ralph Libersat advised that the Board can submit letters of support for said project prior to April 12th when the Technical Committee meets. He also suggested that the Parish Council be encouraged to write a letter to the Colonel and Technical Committee for support of said project.

A motion was made by Ronald Gonsoulin, seconded by Edwin LeBlanc, that the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District does hereby adopt a Resolution requesting the Iberia Parish Council issue a letter of support for the Marsh Island Marsh Creation Project to the Colonel and Technical Committee. (Resolution No. 2018-05)

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

YEAS: James Landry, Scott Ransonet, Lauren Brown, Roy Pontiff, Edwin LeBlanc, and Ronald Gonsoulin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Benson Langlinais and James Stein.

And the Resolution was therefore passed on this 1st day of March, 2018.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Vice-Chairman James Landry announced to the public that as per the current bylaws, the following item will be taken up at the April 5th Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District meeting allowing 30-day notice of the possible change.
   1. Discuss and Consider a Resolution changing the Article IV Section II of the bylaws with regard to board meetings. Proposed language to be taken out has a strike through new language is typed in italic, as follows:

Not less than ~~once each month~~ *4 times per year*, the board shall hold a regular meeting, said meetings to be held at such time and place as may be designated by a simple majority of the board. Notice(s) of the time and place of the regular meetings may be made, in accordance with the Louisiana Revised Statutes, at the beginning of each year for the following twelve months but the location of the regular meeting may be changed to another convenient location as long as notice of the location change is provided to all board members at least 7 days in advance of such meeting.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

April 5, 2017

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Roy Pontiff, seconded by Edwin LeBlanc, 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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Benson Langlinais, Chairman