

MINUTES OF THE GRAND ISLE INDEPENDENT
LEVEE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2015
11:00 A.M.

The Grand Isle Independent Levee District met on Thursday, February 26, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. in a regular meeting at the Grand Isle Multiplex Center with the following commissioners:

Present: 2 Commissioners – David Camardelle and Kelly Besson, Sr.

Absent: 1 Commissioner – Arthur Bellanger

President Camardelle called the meeting to order and then led with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer.

A motion was made by Commissioner Besson, seconded by Commissioner Camardelle and unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 13, 2015 as read.

Mr. Joe Chauvin from CBI gave the following report: 1. The Corps permit for Fifi Island was received and the plans will be sent to CPRA and the levee board for final approval to send out bid request. 2. The Bayside Breakwater Protection Project is being designed and should be sent to the levee board for approval at the next meeting.

President Camardelle thanked CBI and their staff for working on the levee board projects and helping to see progress and preparing packets to bring to Congress and Local Agencies showing them the projects the levee board has proposed for our master plan for Grand Isle. Mr. Camardelle also thanked CPRA for building the Caminada Headline Project that is being a levee from Belle Pass Beach ending at Elmer's Island Beach. This Elmer's Island Beach will remain open during the construction of this levee.

President Camardelle thanked Senator Alario, Representative Gisclair, CPRA, the Governor's Office, DOTD and the levee board commissioners for working closely on the Fifi Island Rock Breakwater Project. The agencies work closely with the levee district and steps up to help when needed. The state has helped with getting funding to make the Fifi Island Rock and Restoration Project move forward toward being constructed.

President Camardelle stated that he is working closely with the port and town to dredge Bayou Rigaud and use the sediment on Fifi Island to help with the continuous fight against coastal erosion. We have to build rock breakwaters and sand levees because Grand Isle is unique being surrounded by water on all sides. Mr. Camardelle also thanked the town crew on helping to keep the grass cut on the levees.

President Camardelle stated that the levee board commissioners and engineers are going to Washington DC in March with the Lower Mississippi Valley Flood Control to lobby for more rocks and more levees. The group will also meet with the Louisiana Delegation to help with permitting and funding of more rock breakwaters and much needed levees to help protect Grand Isle.

A motion was made by Commissioner Besson, seconded by Commissioner Camardelle and unanimously agreed to approve the expenses associated with operating the levee board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Besson, seconded by Commissioner Camardelle and unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 11:31 a.m.

ATTESTED:

David Camardelle, President/Director
Grand Isle Independent Levee District

Patricia Bellanger, Secretary
Grand Isle Independent Levee District