ATCHAFALAYA BASIN

RESEARCH AND PROMOTION BOARD

DNR – LaSalle Building

1st Floor – Griffon Room

617 North 3rd Street

BATON ROUGE, LA

Thursday, November 29, 2012

Minutes of Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS:

Atchafalaya Levee Board Gerald Alexander (chairman)

Department of Agriculture & Forestry Brad Spicer (absent)

Department of Culture, Rec. & Tourism Stuart Johnson

Department of Environmental Quality Linda Brown for Alex Appeaning

Department of Health & Hospitals David Guilbeau

Office of the Governor (Coastal Activities) Charles Sutcliffe for Chip Kline (absent)

State Land Office John Lavin

Department of Wildlife & Fisheries Mike Wood

Department of Natural Resources Robert Benoit

Dept of Transportation &Development Shawn Wilson

St. Mary Parish representative Paul Naquin

NON-VOTING BOARD MEMBERS:

Assumption Parish representative Marty Triche (Absent)

Iberville Parish representative John Clark for Mitch Ourso (Absent)

St. Martin Parish representative Guy Cormier (Absent)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Department of Natural Resources Staff Don Haydel

Charles Reulet

 David Fruge

Dana Naquin

LDWF Scott Longman

Friends of Atchafalaya Charles Caillouet

DHH-OPH Lance Broussard

Members stood for Pledge of Allegiance

1. Call to Order, Roll Call: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gerald Alexander and a roll call determined there was a quorum present.
2. Agenda approval or amendment to the agenda by 2/3 votes: The Chairman called for any amendment or discussion of the agenda. There being none, the Chairman asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion was made by Paul Naquin and seconded by Mike Wood to approve the agenda. The Chairman called for the vote and approval of the agenda passed unanimously.

1. Approval of Minutes of November 7, 2012 Meeting: The Chairman called for any corrections or changes to the prior meeting minutes. There being none, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the minutes of November 7, 2012.

Motion was made by David Guilbeau and seconded by Stuart Johnson to approve the minutes. The Chairman called for the vote and approval of the minutes passed unanimously.

1. Overview of Public Meetings: Don Haydel gave overview of Public Meetings recently held in Morgan City, St. Martinville and Plaquemine, not much attendance by public at any of the meetings, no opposition or comments on ABP FY2014 Annual Plan – public was supportive of plan. No changes submitted. Plan remains unchanged other than editorial and typo corrections.
2. Proposed changes to FY 2014 Draft Annual Basin Plan: Plan remains unchanged other than editorial and typo corrections.
3. Public Comment: No public comment.
4. Consideration of Modifications to FY 2014 Annual Basin Plan: Motion was made by Paul Naquin to accept the FY 2014 Annual Basin Plan, seconded by Linda Brown for Alex Appeaning. Motion passed.
5. Old Business: Mr. Paul Naquin inquired about the public meetings stating he like the format even though they may not be heavily attended by public – it gives the public the opportunity to be involved in the Annual Plan process. Don Haydel gave an update on the dredging projects in the Basin: Dog Leg Canal - complete, Henderson Channels – in progress.

Shawn Wilson inquired about the the Boy Scout Hi Adventure Project and Robert Benoit told the board they are in fund raising mode and very hi probability of this project moving forward.

1. New Business: No new business
2. Adjourn: The chairman asked if there were no other questions or comments, and meeting was adjourned.

 Dana Naquin, Atchafalaya Basin Program