

Minutes – Atchafalaya Basin Program (ABP)

Research and Promotion Board Meeting

January 13, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by the Chair - Gerald Alexander

A roll call was conducted and showed the following members present and that a quorum was present:

Gerald Alexander, Paul Naquin, Linda Hardy (for Alex Appeaning), Keith Lovell, Charles Sutcliffe, and Mike Wood.

Sign-in sheet is attached to document other attendees.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mike Wood, seconded by Keith Lovell, and passed unanimously by voice vote of the members.

A motion to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2014 meeting was made Charles Sutcliffe, seconded by Linda Hardy, and was passed unanimously by voice vote of the members.

The first item on the agenda was for the Board to consider reallocating \$157,175.00 from the 2010 East Grand Lake Project to the Bayou Fourche project. Don Haydel explained that a budget amendment is required before Facility Planning and Control can award the contract, because the bid for Bayou Fourche came in higher than what is currently allocated for that project. Further, the East Grand Lake study is complete, and work on that project is not expected to begin in the near future. There is currently \$300,000 remaining in the East Grand Lake budget.

No public comments were received.

A motion to reallocate \$157,175.00 from the East Grand Lake project to the Bayou Fourche project was made by Paul Naquin, seconded by Mike Wood, and passed unanimously by voice vote of the members.

The second item on the agenda was for the Board to consider reallocating \$386,067.00 from the Krotz Springs boat launch to Wilson's Landing boat launch. Don Haydel explained that the Krotz Springs boat launch will be potentially completed through an agreement between the Krotz Springs Port Commission and the Army Corps of Engineers and requires no further funding from the ABP.

Mike Wood asked Mr. Haydel to describe the improvements that will be made at Wilson's Landing. Don Haydel said that it will be a 2-lane launch with expanded parking and that some dredging will be needed to open the channel leading to the landing. Paul Naquin added that the launch is highly used by commercial fishermen, especially crawfishermen, and that improvements to the landing were included in the original state master plan more than 15 years ago. Don Haydel said that construction costs would be paid by the Atchafalaya Basin Program and design, engineering, and maintenance would be the responsibility of the parish.

No public comments were received.

A motion to reallocate \$386,067.00 from the Krotz Springs boat launch to Wilson's Landing boat launch was made by Charles Sutcliffe, seconded by Keith Lovell, and passed unanimously by a voice vote of the members.

The last item on the agenda was for the board to consider authorizing the Atchafalaya Basin Program to forward the FY2016 Annual Plan to the legislature if CPRA does not make any substantive changes in their upcoming meetings to consider the Annual Plan. Don Haydel explained that this would make it unnecessary for the board to meet again until June, and that if CPRA does make changes, another Research and Promotion Board meeting will be called to consider those changes.

No public comments were received.

A motion authorizing the ABP to forward the FY2016 Annual Plan to the legislature if no substantive changes are made by CPRA was made by Keith

Lovell, seconded by Paul Naquin, and passed unanimously by a voice vote of the members.

Old business: Gerald Alexander pointed out that Stuart Johnson has recently retired and suggested that the board send him a note thanking him for serving on the board. The board members agreed to this gesture.

New business: none.

Public comments were made by Charles Caillouet who wanted to tell the board about the trail that the Atchafalaya Basin Natural Heritage Areas is working on. It is a driving trail for now, and signs will be established. Mr. Caillouet also mentioned that a national designation is being sought for the area outside the Atchafalaya Floodway that includes Lake Fausse Point, Lake Dauterive, and Grand Avoille Cove. The reason is that the area has great cultural and biological resources, including old-growth baldcypress trees, that should be protected. The proposal is currently in the early stages, but the designated area would include only public land and would preserve the traditional uses of the area. The type of designation to be pursued is currently undecided but could be a National Park or Preserve.

Board Chair Gerald Alexander reminded members that the board would not be meeting again until June 2015.

A motion to adjourn was made by Keith Lovell. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.



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