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TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP

Department of Wildlife & Fisheries

LOUISIANA ROOM - 2000 QUAIL DRIVE

BATON ROUGE, LA

October 4, 2010

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS:

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Bobby Reed

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Glenn Constant

U.S. Geological Survey Charlie Demas

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Lamar Hale

LSU Renewable Natural Resources Bill Kelso (Absent)

Department of Natural Resources Keith Lovell

Department of Environmental Quality Chris Piehler

Department of Agriculture and Forestry Mike Thomas

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Mike Walker

ALTERNATES:

LSU Renewable Natural Resources Richard Keim (Absent)

LSU Renewable Natural Resources Dan Kroes

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service David Walther (Absent)

Others Present:

Department of Natural Resources Staff Stephen Chustz

Department of Natural Resources Staff Toni DeBosier

Department of Natural Resources Staff Charles Reulet

Department of Natural Resources Staff Annette Wiegleb

US Army Corps of Engineers Yvonne Allen

St. Martin Rec. District Charlotte Ratcliff

NAS Karen Westphal

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1. Call to Order, Roll Call

1. Agenda approval or

 Amendment to the agenda by 2/3 votes

Motion by Mr. Thomas

Second by Mr. Phieler

Agenda approved

1. Review of and Discussion of Proposed FY2012 Water Management Projects and Other Water Management Projects to be considered by the TAG

Glenn Constant – sub-committee met twice and composed a summary document of projects. Document lists the 6 projects nominated. Glenn reviewed the summary list:

1. **Upper Grand River Flats** 2010-01
2. **Henderson Lake Channel** 2010-02
3. **Taylor Point** 2010-03
4. **American Pass** 2010-04
5. **Coon Trap** 2010-05
6. **EGL** 2010-06

1. Public Comment

No public comments

1. Consideration and Approval of FY 2012 Water Management Projects

**Upper Grand River Flats** (2010-01)– Charles Reulet gave summary on this project. Motion to move forward into FY 2012 plan accepted, seconded by member.

**Henderson Lake Channel** (2010-02) – Lamar opted not to comment due to conflict of interest. Mike Walker discussed concerns with projects proposed with in Corps WMU projects – how does the TAG respond to these projects, need more communication and guidance from the Corps on this matter, suggested a letter be drafted from ABP to Corps. Forward to Corp for consideration. Motion made by Mike Walker to accept sub-committee’s recommendation to not move forward, defer until have clear picture of how to work with Corp, motion seconded and approved.

**Taylor Point** (2010-03) – Motion to accept sub-committee evaluation not to be included in the FY 2012 plan, seconded and approved.

**American Pass** (2010-04) – defer to EGL, motion to accept sub-committee evaluation, motion seconded and approved.

**Coon Trap** (2010-05) **–** Charlie Demas reminded members eventually something needs to be done and this area looked at more intently in the future. Motion to accept sub-committee evaluation to defer to EGL planning effort, not to close Coon Trap, motion seconded and approved.

**EGL** (2010-06) – Motion to accept sub-committee evaluation, 4 designs that will fit, forward in its entirety to be included in FY 2012 plan, motion seconded and approved.

1. Prioritization of FY 2012 Water Management Projects

Glenn reminded members that TAG is prioritizing in a matter of importance, not funds. Steve – R&P will take prioritization and distribute funds based on TAG recommendation.

1. Upper Grand River Flats
2. EGL

Motion to accept priority listing, motion seconded and approved.

1. Old Business

Letter to Secretary Barham of the Department of Wildlife & Fisheries to draw down Lake Henderson for the LIDAR flight over Basin. Yvonne Allen recognized there may be a conflict due to removal of old Oil & Gas infrastructure removal. Lamar will confirm the water level will not be any higher.

1. New Business

Mike Walker – important to communicate with Corps about WMU projects to ensure the ABP does not impose on the Corps projects, suggested meeting with all parties involved to discuss projects involved. Lamar recommended having conversation with his district first and will report back, and then a meeting can be scheduled with ABP and Corps. Steve confirmed agreement to set meeting at convenient time for all involved.

1. Path Forward

Steve reviewed path forward and upcoming meeting dates.

1. Adjourn

Motion by Mike Walker

Second by Keith Lovell