ATCHAFALAYA BASIN PROGRAM

TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP

Department of Natural Resources

617 North 3rd Street

GRIFFON ROOM

BATON ROUGE, LA

October 4, 2011

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS:

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Bobby Reed

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Glenn Constant

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Lamar H ale

LSU Renewable Natural Resources Bill Kelso (Absent)

Department of Natural Resources Keith Lovell

Department of Environmental Quality Chris Piehler

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Mike Walker (Absent)

ALTERNATES:

LSU Renewable Natural Resources Richard Keim

USGS Dan Kroes

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service David Walther

Others Present:

Department of Natural Resources Staff Stephen Chustz

Department of Natural Resources Staff David Fruge

Department of Natural Resources Staff Charles Reulet

Department of Natural Resources Staff Dana Naquin

Department of Natural Resources Staff Thomas Van Biersel

GCBS Paul Chadwick

NAS Karen Westphal

URS Naveen Chillara

URS Tom Hunter

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

1. Agenda approval or

Amendment to the agenda by 2/3 votes

Motion by Keith Lovell

Second by Glenn Constant

Agenda approved

1. Approval of minutes from 10/04/10 meeting

Motion by Chris Piehler

Seconded by Glenn Constant

Minutes Approved

1. Review and Discussion of Proposed FY2013 Water Management Projects and Other Water Management Projects to be considered by the TAG – Glenn Constant

Glenn reviewed the list of Projects:

1. **Dredge Bee Bayou** 2011-01
2. **Dredge Work Canal** 2011-02
3. **Kings Ditch** 2011-03
4. **Paddie U Pond** 2011-04
5. **Bristol Bayou** 2011-05
6. **Bayou Mallet – reopen closures** 2011-06
7. **Erosion on East & West Banks of Whiskey Bay** 2011-07
8. **American Pass Bathymetry Update** 2011-08
9. **Taylor Point Cut** 2011-09

**10. Buffalo Cove – 4 closures** 2011-10

1. **Dredge Bee Bayou 2011-01 –** sub-committee not comfortable with reducing the volume due to EGL project. Decline to promote closure of coon trap; dredging of Bee Bayou was approved through EGL last year. Recommend getting back to Mr. Alleman to discuss dredging smaller area and let him know part of his request was approved in last year’s plan. Sub-committee recommendation: no further action.
2. **Dredge Work Canal 2011-02 –** Have reviewed before and concern is the accretion because of hydrology – dredging would drain to the North, not ready to promote right now. Sub-committee recommendation: no further action.
3. **Kings Ditch 2011-03 –** Working on a few projects in the area, this project may have potential, small project to influence a smaller area. Sub-committee recommendation: pursue as one of projects in FY2013 plan.
4. **Paddie U Pond 2011-04 –** Stephen Chustz recommends getting more details on project and area. Mr. Romig wants a bridge. Sub-committee wants to make site visit with Mr. Romig to get pictures and options. Sub-committee wants to be clear on the issue; bridge. Lamar will check with Corps on permits for culverts. Pictures of area shown to provide additional information to the TAG; Sub-committee recommendation: A beneficial contribution, want to develop overtime, continue to discuss in order to see create more water in the area.
5. **Bristow Bayou 2011-05 –** Similar to 2011-04, culvert needs moving. Sub-committee recommendation: Could be a benefit to small area if obtained just by removal of culvert – if more extensive project involves bridge – need more data and want to move forward for evaluation. Lamar will check on potential violation. More technical information to be presented at 10/20/11 meeting.
6. **Bayou Mallet – reopen closures 2011-06 –** Sub-committee evaluated that closure is not blocking much flow. Sub-committee recommendation: No additional action.
7. **Erosion on East & West Banks of Whiskey Bay 2011-07 –** This project is beyond the scope of TAG. Sub-committee recommendation: defer to the Corps.
8. **American Pass Bathymetry Update 2011-08 –** Lidar request, sub-committee recognizes bathymetry needs, but may not necessarily be a project, statement of need. Sub-committee recommendation: funds may be available from another source.
9. **Taylor Point Cut 2011-09 –** Repeat of project from last year, no environmental benefit. Sub-committee recommendation: do not move forward, no further action.
10. **Buffalo Cove – 4 closures –** Maintenance issue for Corps, sub-committee recommendation: operational matter for branch of Corps. Lamar said request has been submitted, no action taken yet by Corps, funding issue. Defer to the Corps.

Glenn will develop a project document for review and approval at 10/20/11 meeting.

1. Old Business

Stephen Chustz let members know still waiting for bond commission approval on $2K allocated by legislature, can’t move forward on projects until then. January/February 2012 is expected date on allocation of funds.

1. New Business

Stephen Chustz told members the Engineering RSIQ is in place, finalized and working on task orders now.

1. Path Forward

Stephen Chustz reviewed the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan timeline and upcoming meeting dates.

1. Public Comment

No public comment

1. Adjourn

Motion by Glenn Constant

Second by Keith Lovell