

**Coastal Louisiana Levee Consortium Meeting**

**Galvez Building (DEQ) – Oliver Pollock Room**

**602 North 5th Street**

**Baton Rouge, LA 70802**

**April 25, 2017**

**1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

I. Call to Order – *Windell Curole 1:36 PM*

II. Roll Call - II. Windell Curole asked Monica Gorman, Secretary to call roll based on the parishes/levee districts/authorities (X = not present):

1. Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District - Dietmar Rietschier

2. X Atchafalaya Basin Levee District - Will Tyson

3. Office of the Governor-Coastal Activities - Stephanie Aymond (no vote)

4. Chenier Plain Coastal Restoration & Protection Authority - Nedra Davis

5. X Grand Isle Independent Levee District - David Carmardelle

6. Iberia Parish Levee District - Ray Fremin

7. X Jefferson Davis Parish Government

8. X Lafitte Area Independent Levee District

9. Lafourche Basin Levee District - Ivy Chauvin & Randy Trosclair

10. X Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority

11. North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District - Dwayne Bourgeois

12. Plaquemines Parish Government – Benny Rousell

13. Pontchartrain Levee District - Monica Gorman

14. The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans

15. South Lafourche Levee District - Windell Curole

16. X Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority—East - Nyka Scott

17. Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority—West - John Monzon & Susan McClay

18. St. Mary Levee District - Tim Matte

19. X St. Tammany Levee District - Pat Brister

20. Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District - Reggie Dupre

Guests: Nicole Cutforth, Richard Traina, Simone Maloz, Josh Borill, Lori LeBlanc, Scott Kirkpatrick, and Bob Jacobsen; Laurie Cormier (on the phone)

CPRA: Ignacio Harrouch

III. Approval of Agenda – quorum 12/19 – Dietmar Rietschier 1st, Ray Fremin 2nd.

IV. Approval of Minutes from 01 February 2017 – Dwayne Bourgeois 1st, Benny Roussell 2nd. V. Key legislative items affecting levee district operations – Reggie Dupre

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| HR 1 | Approves the annual integrated coastal protection plan for Fiscal Year 2018, as adopted by the CPRA. |
| SB 249 | Dedicates certain revenue received by the state from  the federal government via the Gulf of Mexico Energy and Security Act. |

Notation within the Minutes:

**Background on GOMESA**

The Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) of 2006 created a revenue sharing arrangement for certain Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) revenues to the Gulf Coast producing states of Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas and their political subdivisions to those states. Phase II of this program expands revenue sharing across the entire Gulf of Mexico OCS, thereby increasing the value of payments made to the Gulf States and their coastal parishes.

Revenue disbursement is ultimately dependent upon production, the price of oil, and receipts actually collected by the federal government. The first payment will be received as early as April 2018 and as late as September 2018. In LA, CPRA will receive 80% of the states total allocation and the eligible parties will receive the remaining 20% (according to a formula based on the inverse distance to the lease to the closest point in the parish; coastline length; population.)

According to the Louisiana State Constitution, GOMESA funds may only be used for coastal protection, including conservation, coastal restoration, hurricane protection, and infrastructure directly impacted by coastal wetland losses.

Payments to coastal parishes will be made directly to the parish from the federal Office of Natural Resources Revenue within the Department of the Interior.

Per law, a revenue sharing cap of $500 million per year for the four Gulf producing States, their CPS’s and the Land and Water Conservation Fund applies from fiscal years 2016 through 2055. Total OCS revenues must reach or exceed $1 billion for the cap to be reached.

The $500 million cap does not apply to qualified revenues generated in those areas associated with Phase I of the GOMESA program.

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|  | Annual Max  GOMESA (Low Est.) | Annual Max  GOMESA (High  Est.) |
| Louisiana CPRA | $116 Million | $141 Million |
| Parishes | $29 Million | $35.2 Million |

HB 438 Authorizes flood protection authority spending across the various levee districts.

• Motion to support HB 438 Nedra Davis 1st; Reggie Dupre 2nd

HB 234 Provides relative to the local match requirements for non-state entities applying for capital outlay funding.

HB 144 Provides for real property interests for integrated coastal restoration projects.

• Motion to support HB 144 Reggie Dupre 1st; Benny Roussell 2nd

Other legislative items that may be discussed include the following:

SB 199 Allows public entities to borrow public equipment from each other without compensation

• Motion to support SB 199 Reggie Dupre 1st; Benny Roussell 2nd

SCR 1(1) Approves the comprehensive master plan for integrated coastal protection. April 10, 2017 at

12:00 P.M.

• Motion to support HB SCR 1 (1) Dwayne

Bourgeois 1st; unanimous 2nd

SR 1 (1) Approves the annual integrated coastal protection plan for Fiscal Year 2018.

HB 596 (1) Provides relative to the contracting authority of the

CPRA.

HB 618 (1) Authorizes the CPRA to finance payments from the

RESTORE Act and Natural Resources Damages Act. HB 236 (1) Constitutional Amendment to eliminate certain

constitutional dedication of revenue and certain treasury funds.

HB 259 (1) Constitutional Amendment to provide relative to the taxing authority of levee districts.

• Motion to support HB 259 (1) Dwayne

Bourgeois 1st; Tim Matte

HB 266 Provides for term limits for members of the

nominating committee of certain flood protection authorities.

*Additional legislative items not listed were discussed: N/A*

VI. Update on National Flood Insurance Program 5-year renewal – Dwayne Bourgeois

VII. Public Comment- Bob Jacobsen, P.E., addressed members about actuarial risk within a particular area

VIII. Motion to Adjourn at 2:55PM Benny Roussell 1st, Tim Matte 2nd

**ATTEST:**

**Monica Gorman**

**Secretary**