

**Coast Louisiana Levee Consortium Meeting**

**LaSalle Building, GRIFFON ROOM**

**617 North Third Street**

**Baton Rouge, LA 70802**

**Thursday, March 31, 2016**

**1:30p**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order – *Windell Curole 1:30pm*

Roll Call - II. Windell Curole asked Nedra Davis, Secretary to call roll based on the parishes/levee districts/authorities:

Present:

Amite, Dietmar Rietschier

Atchafalaya, Will Tyson

Office of the Governor – Coastal Activities, Chip Kline

Chenier Plain Authority, Nedra Davis

Iberia Parish, Ray Fremin

Lafourche Basin, Ivy Chauvin

North Lafourche, Dwayne Bourgeois

South Lafourche, Windell Curole

SLFPAE, Robert Turner

SLFPAW, John Monzon

St. Mary, Michael Brorato, Jr

Terrebonne Parish, Reggie Dupre

Absent:

Grand Isle, David Carmardelle

Jefferson Davis

Lafitte, Nicole Cooper

Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority, Nyka Scott

Plaquemines

Ponchartrain Levee District, Steve Wilson

The Sewage and Water Board of New Orleans

St. Tammany Parish, Pat Brister

Guests: Joe Cancienne, Tetra Tech; Richard Traina, Attorney Generals Office; Mitch Marmande, Delta Coast LLC; Cory Kief, Crosby Tugs; Stevie Smith, All South Engineering; Keith Lovell, DNR; Melissa Clouet, Morganza Action; Lori LeBlanc, Morganza Action; and Nicole Cutforth, CB&I

CPRA: Billy Wall

1. Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve the agenda: Dwayne Bourgeois 1st, Nedra Davis 2nd.
2. Introduction of new Chairman of CPRA, John Bradberry & Michael Ellis, Executive Director CPRA
3. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve the minutes Dwayne Bourgeois, 1st Deitmar Rietschier 2nd
4. Report by Windell Curole
	1. Comprehensive Hurricane Protection
	2. 408 Permitting – Will Tyson made comments on the studies made by the USACE. Flow line study. Have had talks with Col. Hansen. Want to benefit the environment, navigation, etc. in S/E quadrant. Atchafalaya – has Wax Lake and Atcha/Morgan city. Need to talk hard look at discharge and use that.
5. Reggie Dupre – Comprehensive overview of the Levee Consortium, history, funding, subcommittee
6. Report by Dwayne Bourgeois, NLLD
	1. NFIP Reform – benefits we have a commitment from Garret Graves 2017 for reauthorization to be our champion. He has formed a caucus, with Maxine Waters. Heavy lift. U.S. needs education. Look to stand up a coalition and activists arm to work with Garret.
	2. LAMP – process by which FEMA gives credit to non accredited levees. Nicole Cutforth is organizing.
	3. FFRMS – federal issue, Fed choose baseline elevation if investment in project. Could impact 404, 408, etc. Contradictions of terms, all actions all agencies. Post office example. Potential of touching us in every aspect. New news: letter march 16, 2016 Chairman Krenshaw appropriations, as this committee considers appropriations, following language, can’t enforce. They are paying attention.
	4. WOTUS – 6th Circuit Appeals Court stay - sits there. It is less clear. EPA has made it less clear. Was a bill last year that was passed House and Senate to stop it. Obama vetoed Jan. 19th 2016. It will next go to the Supreme Court. Looking at if it applies nationwide. Cory Kief comment: the way the rest of the country looks at this is why are ya’ll over there? The rest of the country doesn’t understand the problem. They think we shouldn't be down here. There will be more challenges ahead.
7. Report by Nedra Davis, CPCRPA
	1. Chenier Plain Authority’s Strategic Plan
8. Report by Reggie Dupre, TLCD
	1. Discussion of 2016 Regular Legislative Session Issues – terrible special session. Battling with budget holes, freshmen legislators, new governor. Issues that need to be address out of Lafourche. Fair market value standard will be used and statutory clarification needed. Rep Magee – new bill, right of appropriation mineral rights stay with owner. Windell if facing – ultra dangerous activity (gun range) only place you can shoot 50 caliber bullets coming through the berm to the levee. Need to have it cleared up. Public bid law – unilateral change orders – have right to fight price in court. Discussion with piggyback on purchasing equipment. For levee districts can piggyback from one year from opening of bid. Others have completed valid contract. You may want to discuss the WRDA bill. A concurrent resolution from the LA State may be needed. Mike Henry, our lobbyist in DC is working on it. Document our suggestions.
	2. Windell – need to get issues together for next session.
	3. Nedra – the retirement committee will hear the Sen. Morrish bill on employment with in the Levee boards next Monday.
	4. Chip Kline – in future if we could have a meeting to figure out local level needs and send one package of needs. Please resend.
9. Report by Dietmar Rietschier
	1. Comite River Diversion Canal Project – short package – handout. Baton Rouge can’t do it ourselves. It's a much bigger problem. Tax passed by 66%. Project problems with USACE. 15% of project done so far.
10. Public Comment
11. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn by Reggie Dupre and 2nd by Will Tyson

Chair, Windell Curole adjourned the meeting at 3:33PM.

**ATTEST:**

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**Nedra Davis**

**Secretary**