

IBERIA PARISH LEVEE, HURRICANE, AND CONSERVATION
DISTRICT REPORT

DATE: Thursday, October 13, 2011

TIME: Six (6:00) O'Clock P.M.

ATTENDANCE: James Landry, Ronnie Gonsoulin, William Patout, Frank Minvielle, James Stein, Alfred "Todd" Landry, Ben Langlinais, and Ronald Hebert, Jr.

ABSENT: Scott Saunier.

OTHERS: Marc Berard - Berard, Habetz, & Associates, Rickey Brouillette - La. Office of Coastal Restoration and Protection, Oneil Malbrough - Shaw Group and Jacques Cousin - Legal Counsel.

I. ROLL CALL

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. James Stein, seconded by Mr. James Landry, that the minutes of the September 8, 2011 Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District be approved.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 13th day of October 2011.

II. ACTIONS TO BE DISCUSSED

Chairman Gonsoulin stated that he would like to address the current status of the contract between the District and Shaw Group, LLC. He recognized the District's Legal Advisor, Mr. Jacques Cousin, whom will give details on that status.

Mr. Cousin explained that it has been an on-going discussion on the terms of the contract and he has modified the contract to a simpler form based on the three phases of work with a total price of \$35,000. Mr. Cousin stated that Shaw's lawyers returned the contract with added language to reflect that Shaw Group, LLC will not be liable for any of the work that they perform. Mr. Cousin stated that he wasn't sure how he was going to resolve this situation. He stated that the District is in the initial stages and will not rely on any construction work, but only a conceptual phase at this point. He suggested that a provision be added in the agreement which states that the work being completed is strictly to help the District define where it thinks a levee might go, etc. Mr. Cousin stated that this has been proposed to Shaw Group, LLC and they have agreed to the revised contract. Mr. Cousin directed the contract to Chairman Gonsoulin, noting that there are blanks that need to be filled in before signing, such as, the dollar amount for each phase and a Corporate Resolution authorizing someone on behalf of Shaw Group, LLC to sign the contract.

Mr. Ben Langlinais entered the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

Mr. Ronald Hebert entered the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Mr. Jacques Cousin exited the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

- A. Discuss Special Finance Committee meeting held on September 15, 2011 and possible revenue sources for the

District, as discussed with Jason Akers, Foley and Judell, LLP.

Chairman Gonsoulin requested that the Special Finance Committee members give a briefing on the outcome of the meeting.

Mr. James Stein stated that the Committee went over a possible budget that could be presented to the Iberia Parish Council. They reviewed several cost obligations that the District would incur trying to keep the number to a minimum of \$250,000. Once all ideas were gathered and discussed, the budget was expected to be approximately \$550,000; hence the Committee agreed that all members of the District should discuss this further. Mr. Stein suggested approaching the Iberia Parish Council for no more than \$250,000. The Committee also discussed several optional expenses that the District may incur, such as, hiring a full/part-time director and or secretary, phone bills, automobiles, accounting, master plan, insurance, etc.

Mr. Oneil Malbrough entered the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Chairman Gonsoulin stated that he met with Mr. Jason Devillier, Director of the Acadiana Regional Airport, and office space is available, but the District will need it's own staff and equipment.

Chairman Gonsoulin handed out a proposal from Mr. Jason Akers detailing possible revenues from a Property or Sales Tax Proposal. After consulting with Mr. Akers, Mr. Gonsoulin stated that the April 2012 election would be a good time to put this proposal on the ballot.

Mr. Ben Langlinois expressed that, as a Board, together they can accomplish many things on a bare bone budget by managing the leg work as a Board. This would show the public that the members want to do good for the District, in turn receiving positive citizen reactions. He suggested requesting the Soil and Water Conservation District to utilize a phone line at their location and having their secretary answer phone calls on behalf of the District. The District could also occupy an empty office space in that building. He also stated that at this time he believes the most important thing to do is to find money to apply for a permit.

Mr. Malbrough stated that next month Shaw Group, LLC will provide an official cost estimate to the District. Thereafter, the District will be able to move to the final phase 'Phase Three' of the contract. At that point, the District would be able to apply for a permit. He also pointed out that by November 1, 2011, the District will need to have it's application to the State for eligibility of Capital Outlay monies, as pro bono, Shaw Group, LLC can provide that service.

A motion was made by Mr. James Stein seconded by Mr. Frank Minvielle, authorizing Chairman Ronnie Gonsoulin to meet with the Louisiana Legislative Delegation to derive a reasonable figure to apply for Capital Outlay monies by November 1, 2011.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 13th day of October 2011.

Mr. Malbrough stated that Shaw Group, LLC could apply for the District's permit; however that language is not included in the contract at this time, and this matter would have to be discussed at a later date.

B. Representative Simone Champagne to address the District

with suggestions on revenue sharing.

Representative Simone Champagne was unable to attend the meeting.

C. Approval of Invoice #211401 and Invoice #211431 to Berard, Habetz & Associates, Inc.

A motion was made by Mr. Jimmy Landry, seconded by Mr. Alfred "Todd" Landry, to pay Invoice #211401 in the amount of \$2,475.00 and Invoice #211431 in the amount of \$2,147.50, both to Berard, Habetz, & Associates.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 13th day of October 2011.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Gonsoulin stated that Mr. Jason Akers will most likely be able to attend the next meeting to discuss possible tax proposals.

Mr. Jimmy Landry noted that both The Rotary Club and The Optimist Club have approached him requesting that the District make a presentation to their organizations.

Mr. Marc Berard questioned the members on which direction the District would like Berard, Habetz, & Associates to pursue for the next presentation. He stated that they have a generic presentation, which is geared for the Iberia area. However, they could compile a presentation for the Jeanerette and/or Loreauville areas with maps concentrating on surges in those particular areas. Mr. Berard suggested making a presentation to the City of Jeanerette first and then to the Village of Loreauville.

A motion was made by Mr. Ronald Hebert, Jr. seconded by Mr. Ben Langlinois, directing Berard, Habetz, and Associates to begin working on presentations for the City of Jeanerette then for the Village of Loreauville.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 13th day of October 2011.

The Board discussed changing it's meeting date to the first Thursday of each month, due to the fact that the St. Mary Parish Levee District conducts it's meeting on the second Thursday of the month. Therefore, both Districts would have the opportunity to attend one anothers meetings.

A motion was made by Mr. Jimmy Landry, seconded by Mr. Ben Langlinois, to move the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District meetings from the second Thursday of each month to the first Thursday of each month.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 13th day of October 2011.

Mr. James Stein questioned the idea of each Board member having an official identification badge for proof of identification when they meet with landowners, as well as, identification purposes in the event of a Disaster. The members also discussed the need for a logo which can be placed on their badge, web page, and business cards. After discussion, it was recommended that Mr. Prescott Marshall, Emergency Preparedness Director be invited to the next Board meeting.

Mr. Malbrough reminded the Board that special radios will also be

needed to keep in contact with each other in the event of a major storm.

Mr. Ben Langlinais expressed that he with the help of other members could create a web page instead of hiring someone to design a web page.

Chairman Gonsoulin stated that the next meeting of the District will be held on Thursday, November 3, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

IV. ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. James Stein, seconded by Mr. Jimmy Landry, that the District does hereby adjourn.

All members present voted affirmatively and the motion carried unanimously.

I hereby certify the fore going to be exact and true:

Ronnie Gonsoulin, Chairman