

IBERIA PARISH LEVEE, HURRICANE, AND CONSERVATION
DISTRICT MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, October 3, 2013

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

ATTENDANCE: James Landry, Patrick Broussard, James Stein, Ronald Hebert, Jr., Benson Langlinais, Alfred "Todd" Landry, and Scott Saunier.

ABSENT: Ronald Gonsoulin and Frank Minvielle.

OTHERS: Glenn Ledet & Oneil Malbrough - Shaw, Councilman Marty Trahan, Jacques Cousin - Legal Counsel, Marc Berard & John Charpentier - Berard, Habetz, & Associates, Representative Simone Champagne, Councilman Troy Comeaux, Jim Estellete, Ken Fontenot, Jerry Conrad, Randy Martel, and Pat Landry - CPRA.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- September 17, 2013

A motion was made by Mr. James Stein, seconded by Mr. Patrick Broussard, that the minutes of the September 17, 2013 Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District meeting be approved.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 3rd day of October, 2013.

IV. PERSONS TO ADDRESS

- A. Mr. Richard Benton of FEMA to discuss flood elevation after the installation of levees.

Vice-Chairman Langlinais announced that Mr. Benton was unable to attend the meeting.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED

A motion was made by Mr. James Stein, seconded by Mr. James Landry, that the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District does hereby recess its Regular Session and convene into Public Hearing to receive public comments on business to be discussed.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 3rd day of October, 2013.

Mr. Jerry Conrad questioned how many landowners will the proposed levee affect, where will the levee will pass, and will there be a rights-of-way given or sold? Mr. Ben Langlinais stated the District anticipates most of the work will be done with easements and not rights-of-way, as what surrounding Districts have done. He stated he cannot provide an exact number of who will be affected at this time, but M.A. Patout and Sons will be the largest landowner affected on the east side of the Parish by the proposed levee. On the West side of the Parish, the levee would cross through more

private individuals.

Representative Simone Champagne reminded the members that the FY 2014-2015 Capital Outlay request has to be submitted by November 1, 2013. Mr. Marc Berard stated that Mr. Richard Minvielle of Minvielle & Associates is ready to submit said request. He noted that Mr. Minvielle has requested that the District clarify if they would like to use the prior years description or if they would like to expand the description. It was decided that Mr. Ben Langlinais & Mr. Patrick Broussard will meet with Mr. Richard Minvielle to fine tune the Capital Outlay request.

Upon hearing no further comments, a motion was made by Mr. James Stein, seconded by Mr. Todd Landry, that the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District does hereby recess its Public Hearing and reconvene into Regular Session.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 3rd day of October, 2013.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Mr. Marc Berard to provide a cost breakdown for the engineering of the Weeks Bay Project.

Mr. Marc Berard referred to an email, stating that Shaw has already completed 35% of the design work for the Weeks Bay Project.

Mr. Ben Langlinias interjected explaining to the audience that the Weeks Bay Project was a CPRA funded project, which was supposed to be built along the Intracoastal Canal. He continued to explain that the project was moved by the CWPPRA Technical Group to be de-funded. He stated that the Iberia Levee District didn't like the idea of the project being de-funded, as it is a very important project to Iberia Parish. He further explained that many individuals fought to keep it from being de-funded, and the project has since been handed over to the District so that attempts can be made to find funding to move this project forward.

Mr. Berard then outlined the cost for said project, as follows:

- Approximate construction cost \$13 million
- Total approximate remaining engineering cost \$715,600

Mr. Berard then addressed the concerns of the Capital Outlay Grant, as follows:

- FY 2012-2013: The request was made for \$250,000, the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement was signed, and funds are available less \$5,000 for Administrative fees. The Intergovernmental Agreement between the District and Iberia Parish for the use of \$50,000 in matching funds will be on the October 9th Iberia Parish Council agenda for final approval and execution.
- FY 2013-2014: The request of \$250,000 was submitted, but the District has yet to receive any correspondence on the request.
- FY 2014-2015: Minvielle & Associates will be submitting the Capital Outlay request.

Representative Simone Champagne suggested that more than one Capital Outlay request be submitted to assist with said projects.

Mr. Berard stated that he spoke with Sellers and Associates to get an update on the Bayou Tigre Barge closure. He explained that funds

were transferred from the Four-Mile Canal and Boston Canal Projects, with intentions for the funds to be spent on Bayou Tigre for a gate and pump station. He further explained that \$970,000 in funding is available for engineering of the Delcambre Canal closure, which the State will dictate how the funds are spent.

Mr. Berard stated that he had also been in contact with Ms. Natalie Peyronnin of CPRA, and noted that she is willing to make a presentation to the District on risk assessment and the value of damages due to surges. It was then discussed that it would be valuable to have Ms. Peyronnin make a presentation to the Parish Council once the modeling results are received from CPRA.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Report from the Election Task Force & continue discussions for the preparations of the November 16th election.

Mr. Langlinois stated at the last meeting the Election Task Force was created to prepare for the November 16th election. He noted the election will not be taking place, as Parish President Errol Romero has vetoed the Resolution calling such election. He requested that Mr. Broussard provide an update on the Task Forces discussions.

Mr. Patrick Broussard stated that the Committee held two meetings and the group has since disbanded. He directed the members to a handout entitled 'Goals of the Levee/Conservation District' which would assist the District in portraying a clear message. He reviewed the draft message and entertained a motion to accept the document as the District's official goals.

Mr. Ben Langlinois stated that the requested modeling from CPRA may change these goals. It was then agreed that this would be a starting point and the goals of the District may change from time to time.

A motion was made by Mr. Patrick Broussard, seconded by Mr. James Stein, that the District does hereby adopt the goals of the Levee/Conservation District, as follows:

1. Build a system that can withstand a 20 foot storm surge;
2. Improve drainage in Iberia Parish;
3. Maintain the system to always meet or exceed Federal standards; and
4. Restore coastal marshes and ecosystem.

(Resolution No. 2013-14)

And the motion was therefore passed on this 3rd day of October, 2013.

Mr. Ben Langlinois acknowledged Parish President Errol Romero's Veto Statement for Resolution No. 2013-338 which would have redirected portions of several millages to the District, and further read aloud a proposed draft response letter to Parish President Romero. He then opened the floor for any comments in regards to the proposed response letter and requested that a motion be entertained approving the draft response letter to Parish President Errol Romero's Veto Statement, and further authorizing that the letter be delivered to the Parish President's Office.

Mr. Scott Saunier expressed his concerns and feelings in regards to the letter. He suggested that the letter could be slightly more positive and less lengthy.

Mr. James Stein stated that several individuals voiced their

opinions to the Parish President either in favor or against the rededication and he feels that the District should also express their thoughts.

Several members stated they felt that some sort of response should be made to the Parish President's Veto Statement.

Councilman Troy Comeaux expressed that sending a response letter is important. He noted this would also show gratitude to those Council members who had the courage to stand up and present the idea. He also stated that "The People" are watching and paying attention, therefore, it is worth sending a response.

A motion was made by Mr. Patrick Broussard, seconded Mr. Alfred "Todd" Landry, approving a draft response letter to Parish President Errol Romero's Veto Statement, and further authorizing that the letter be delivered to the Parish President's Office. (Resolution No. 2013-15)

And the motion was therefore passed on this 3rd day of October, 2013.

B. Update on projects:

- Weeks Bay Project
- Iberia/Vermilion Joint Project

Mr. Langlinais stated that these updates were covered earlier in the meeting, and opened the floor for any further comments on these two projects.

Mr. Patrick Broussard questioned if anyone knew the issue about someone prop washing a canal through the Weeks Bay Project. Mr. Malbrough stated that he's unsure of the outcome, but he knows there were discussions in regards to notifying the Coastal Zone people. Mr. Pat Landry stated that they never saw a permit come across the Lafayette office for renewal. It was then discussed that normally the Parish would have a Coastal Zone Person or Committee who would review these permits. It was unclear of exactly who the current contact is. Mr. Malbrough advised the District that current permit applications for dredging canals and pipeline installation should be being reviewed. He explained that these projects could interfere with the proposed levee and could create additional work and the need of additional funds in the future.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

- A. All pending agreements have been reviewed by Legal Counsel and are in the process of distribution.

Legal Counsel Jacques Cousin confirmed that all three pending agreements have been reviewed and are ready for execution.

IX. PLANS FOR NEXT MEETING

- November 7, 2013

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Alfred "Todd" Landry, seconded by Mr. Scott Saunier, 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:

Benson Langlinais, Vice-Chairman

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