

IBERIA PARISH LEVEE, HURRICANE, AND CONSERVATION
DISTRICT REPORT

DATE: Thursday, July 14, 2011

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

ATTENDANCE: James Landry, Ronnie Gonsoulin, Scott Saunier, William Patout, Ben Langlinois, and Ronald Hebert, Jr.

ABSENT: Frank Minvielle, Alfred "Todd" Landry, and James Stein.

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

I. ROLL CALL

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Jimmy Landry, seconded by Mr. Scott Saunier, to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2011 and June 9, 2011 Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 14th day of July 2011.

II. ACTIONS TO BE DISCUSSED

Chairman Gonsoulin stated that there is an issue that needs to be addressed first, regarding funds allocated to the Levee District from the Iberia Parish Government. Mr. Gonsoulin requested that Mr. Jacques Cousin, Legal Counsel, address the Board on the issue.

Mr. Cousin stated in attending his first Board meeting and learning whom everyone is and how the District was created, it appears the Board is a District created by the State of Louisiana and no longer part of Parish Government.

In reviewing Item (A) on the agenda, Mr. Cousin questions if there is any funding to contract with Shaw Group, Inc. To his knowledge the only existing funds is a grant from the Parish for start up costs. The funding source needs to be determined before the District can enter into a contract obligating itself to anyone.

In speaking with Parish Administration, Mr. Cousin questioned if they want to appropriate funds to the District to pay Shaw Group, Inc. or if the District intends to contract with Shaw Group, Inc. directly. Before a contract is signed with Shaw Group, Inc. the District has to be certain that the Parish has provided the money to pay for that contract. Mr. Cousin suggested that Mr. Gonsoulin and others meet with the Iberia Parish Administration to discuss this matter. Mr. Gonsoulin agreed to contact the Iberia Parish Administration on the next business day.

Mr. Cousin recommended that Mr. Malbrough explain his contract and the scope of work he proposes, because the District will eventually have to approve and recommend this agreement.

Mr. Ben Langlinois entered the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

- A. Authorize Master Service Agreement with Shaw Group, Inc. at an estimated cost of \$35,000 and the process necessary for funding of this project, all contingent on review and approval by the District Attorney's Office.

Mr. Malbrough started off by stating that there are a number of ways to contract with an engineering firm. A Master Service Agreement with a Task Order is what is being proposed for the District. It's a general contract, wherein you define the task of work, apply the price, and then authorize and sign each particular task order.

Breaking down the plan into three phases, Phase 1 would be the Conceptual Plan which requires allocating about \$6,000 of the total \$35,000 to complete this phase. The Preliminary Phase does not start until the Conceptual Phase is approved by the District. From there putting together a cost estimate, determined by the decision of the where the levee will be placed, how many flood gates, etc.

It was pointed out that the District should ensure that ownership of any and all plans should remain the property of the District.

It was noted that invoicing with Berard, Habetz, & Associates will continue as is through Iberia Parish Government while assisting Shaw Group, Inc.

Mr. Malbrough expressed that he would like the projected alignment to be as close to completed as soon as possible. As the State is holding a meeting on the 23rd of August in Abbeville to discuss the update of their 2012 Master Plan. The significance of their meeting to the District is that no State agency can fund a Levee District if it is not included in the Master Plan. Should the District believe that the projected alignment is close to what it will be, and the quicker the Board can have it included in the 2012 State Master Plan, the better chances of receiving funding from the State. Submittal of the alignment does not eliminate the opportunity to change or revise it. However, if the alignment is not included in the State Master Plan, then it cannot be funded. Mr. Malbrough suggested that the District attend the August 23rd meeting to present the Conceptual Plan, even though the plan might not be fully completed.

Mr. Cousin suggested that they should offer a motion to recommend that the Parish accept Shaw's proposal for work Phases 1-3 if they are in favor of Mr. Malbrough's proposal. Therefore, when Mr. Gonsoulin meets with Administration, he has reinforcement from the Board.

A motion was made by Mr. William Patout, seconded by Mr. Ronald Hebert, Jr., expressing that the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane and Conservation District recommends that Shaw Group, Inc., be employed by Iberia Parish for engineering services.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 14th day of July 2011.

- B. Review the Proposed Landowner Questions derived from the SubCommittee meeting for further development.

Chairman Gonsoulin requested the Board members speak if anyone might have any additions to the presented questions.

It was questioned who would schedule the public meetings and if the District should hold one large meeting or smaller, localized meetings. The SubCommittee felt that it would be better to have more than one meeting, in order to have similar concerns from the

residents in specific areas of the Parish. By having more localized meetings, residents would not have to travel across town to attend the meeting.

Mr. Malbrough volunteered to review the proposed landowner questions and provide answers as a non-resident. From there, the District can manipulate the answers accordingly to fit the localized area. Mr. Malbrough suggested preparing a Power Point Presentation to answer common questions first, then allowing residents to present questions during public meetings. This in turn would answer a lot of questions/concerns possibly alleviating opposition to the plan. Mr. Malbrough offered to prepare the Power Point Presentation to be reviewed for the next meeting. This would give the District a starting point, and the presentation could be adjusted to the needs of Iberia Parish.

C. Approval of Invoice #211256 to Berard, Habetz, & Associates, Inc.

A motion was made by Mr. Ben Langlinais seconded by Mr. Scott Saunier, to pay invoice #211256 in the amount \$837.50 to Berard, Habetz and Associates.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 14th day of July 2011.

D. Review the Projected Levee Alignment.

Mr. Patout advised the District that a floodgate at Patout Canal was not included on the projected levee alignment.

It was discussed that some members will have a landowner meeting next week at Mr. Patout's family property to discuss the projected alignment which interacts with the family property.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Ben Langlinais, Mr. James Landry, and Mr. Scott Saunier tentatively confirmed their attendance for the July 22, 2011 Louisiana Association of Levee Boards meeting to be held in Baton Rouge.

Chairman Gonsoulin stated that the next meeting of the District will be held on Thursday, August 11, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

IV. ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Scott Saunier, seconded by Mr. Ronnie Gonsoulin, that the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District Board does hereby adjourn.

All members present voted affirmatively and the motion carried unanimously.

I hereby the fore going to be exact and true:

Ronnie Gonsoulin, Chairman