

IBERIA PARISH LEVEE, HURRICANE,
AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, August 8, 2017

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

PLACE: Iberia Parish Courthouse, Council Chambers
300 Iberia Street - 4th Floor, New Iberia, LA 70560

ATTENDANCE: James Stein, Benson Langlinais, James Landry,
Lauren Brown, Patrick Broussard, Edwin Leblanc, Scott
Ransonet, and Ronald Gonsoulin.

ABSENT: Roy Pontiff.

OTHERS: Executive Director Ray Fremin, Carol Bourgeois, Jr.,

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman James Stein called the meeting to order.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by James Landry, seconded by Benson Langlinais, that the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District does hereby approve the June 1, 2017 minutes as published.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Stein, Benson Langlinais, James Landry, Lauren Brown, Patrick Broussard, Edwin Leblanc, and Scott Ransonet.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Roy Pontiff and Ronald Gonsoulin.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 8th day of August, 2017.

A motion was made by Patrick Broussard, seconded by James Landry, that the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District does hereby approve the July 6, 2017 minutes as published.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Stein, Benson Langlinais, James Landry, Lauren Brown, Patrick Broussard, Edwin Leblanc, and Scott Ransonet.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Roy Pontiff and Ronald Gonsoulin.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 8th day of August, 2017.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS

None.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED

(Comments accepted from the general public)

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

Chairman James Stein announced that Ronald Gonsoulin is now present.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Stein, Benson Langlinais, James Landry, Lauren Brown, Patrick Broussard, Edwin Leblanc, Scott Ransonet, and Ronald Gonsoulin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Roy Pontiff.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 8th day of August, 2017.

Former Board Member Carol Bourgeois, Jr. of Jeanerette expressed his support of the District and its endeavors to protect the coastal areas. He also stated that he's educating and spreading the word to vote in favor of the proposed tax.

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

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Stein, Benson Langlinais, James Landry, Lauren Brown, Patrick Broussard, Edwin Leblanc, Scott Ransonet, and Ronald Gonsoulin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Roy Pontiff.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 8th day of August, 2017.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Report

Executive Director Ray Fremin, Jr. reported that several meetings have taken place throughout the Parish in order to promote the District's efforts and all have been well received.

Mr. Fremin reported that he has had several meetings with Board members to review and derive comments to be submitted to CRPRA regarding the South Central Study. He noted that they plan to meet with Parish Administration sometime next week to discuss the Study.

Mr. Fremin reported that next Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. Ms. Julie Rosenzweig, President of the Acadiana Area Flood Protection Coalition will be making a presentation at the Port of Iberia meeting.

Mr. Fremin reminded everyone to contact their Councilman to let them know how important is to move the flood relief effort forward including the proposed item on the ballot. He then noted that the Iberia Parish Council Committee will be voting on the approval of said election and requested everyone's attendance in

support the proposition. He then explained that should said proposal be adopted by the Committee, the Council will then cast their final vote on August 23rd to be sent to the Bonding Commission and eventually make its way to the Secretary of State.

Mr. Fremin expressed his apologies that he didn't have a financial report ready to present tonight.

Chairman James Stein expressed his appreciation to CPRA for attending last night's meeting in assisting the District in their efforts.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane and Conservation District, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. For discussion purposes the following is the language of the proposition to appear on the ballot:

Shall the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane and Conservation District (the "District"), levy a five (5) mills on all the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$2,900,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of tax for an entire year), for a period of thirty (30) years, beginning with the year 2018 and ending 2047, to be dedicated solely for the purposes of construction, acquisition, maintenance, operation and extension and/or improvement of levees, hurricane/surge protection, and flood control within the District?

The following resolution was offered by Patrick Broussard and seconded by Benson Langlinois, that the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District does hereby adopt a Resolution, as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-14

A RESOLUTION ORDERING AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE IBERIA PARISH LEVEE, HURRICANE AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF A SPECIAL TAX

THEREIN; MAKING APPLICATION TO THE STATE BOND COMMISSION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane and Conservation District, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane and Conservation District, State of Louisiana (the "District"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission and the Iberia Parish Council, and under the authority conferred by Article VI, Sections 30 and 32 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the District on **NOVEMBER 18, 2017**, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m., and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE)

Shall the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane and Conservation District (the "District"), levy a five (5) mills on all the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$2,900,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of tax for an entire year), for a period of thirty (30) years, beginning with the year 2018 and ending 2047, to be dedicated solely for the purposes of construction, acquisition, maintenance, operation and extension and/or improvement of levees, hurricane/surge protection, and flood control within the District?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the *Daily Iberian*, a newspaper of general circulation within the District, published in New Iberia, Louisiana, and being the official

journal of the District, once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Election, the Executive Director is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the foregoing proposition that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Council Chambers, 4th Floor Main Courthouse Building, 300 S. Iberia Street, New Iberia, Louisiana, on **THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2018, at SIX O'CLOCK (6:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places set forth in the aforesaid Notice of Special Election are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held on Thursday, January 4, 2018, as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the District will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Secretary-Treasurer of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the Chairman and/or Secretary-Treasurer of the Governing Authority

are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of Iberia Parish and the Registrar of Voters of Iberia Parish, as notification of the special election, in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event said election carries for further consent and authority to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

SECTION 9. Approval of Governing Authority of the Parish. Application is hereby made to the Parish Council of the Parish of Iberia, State of Louisiana, for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event the election carries, for its further consent and authority to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Parish Council of the Parish of Iberia on behalf of the District, together with a request for the prompt consideration and approval of the election.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Stein, Benson Langlinois, James Landry, Lauren Brown, Patrick Broussard, Edwin Leblanc, Scott Ransonet, and Ronald Gonsoulin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Roy Pontiff.

And the Resolution was declared adopted on this, the 8th day of August, 2017.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discuss and consider a resolution authorizing the Chairman to sign a letter of intent and the Secretary Treasurer to sign the Self Certification of Financial Capability with the Army Corps of Engineers to undertake an investigation of flood risk management issues in Iberia Parish including the banks of Bayou Carlin and the City of Delcambre. (this is a 50/50 cost share process with the Levee District to meet its share with in kind services or assistance)

Mr. Fremin explained that this program is a 50/50 share and that data from the South Central Study can be used as a match of in kind services against it. He noted that it won't cost any dollars to use it, but there are questions if it can be used. He advised that said Resolution be moved forward so that the Corps of Engineers can respond with an assessment as to if it can be utilized.

A motion was made by Benson Langlinais, seconded by Lauren Brown, that the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District does hereby adopt a Resolution authorizing the Chairman to sign a letter of intent and the Secretary Treasurer to sign the Self Certification of Financial Capability with the Army Corps of Engineers to undertake an investigation of flood risk management issues in Iberia Parish including the banks of Bayou Carlin and the City of Delcambre. (This is a 50/50 cost share process with the Levee District to meet its share with in kind services or assistance) (Resolution No. 2017-15)

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Stein, Benson Langlinais, James Landry, Lauren Brown, Patrick Broussard, Edwin Leblanc, Scott Ransonet, and Ronald Gonsoulin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Roy Pontiff.

And the Resolution was therefore passed on this 8th day of August, 2017.

Chairman Stein stated that he would like to entertain a motion to expand the Agenda to send a Resolution of condolences to the family of former board member William "Billy" Patout who recently passed away.

A motion was made by Ronald Gonsoulin, seconded unanimously by James Stein, Benson Langlinais, James Landry, Lauren Brown, Patrick Broussard, Edwin Leblanc, and Scott Ransonet that the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane and Conservation District does hereby expand its agenda for the adoption of a Resolution of condolences to the family of Mr. William "Billy" Patout, III, former member of the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane and Conservation District, who passed away on August 5, 2017.

This expansion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Stein, Benson Langlinais, James Landry, Lauren Brown, Patrick Broussard, Edwin Leblanc, Scott Ransonet, and Ronald Gonsoulin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Roy Pontiff.

And the expansion was therefore passed on this 8th day of August, 2017.

A motion was made by Ronald Gonsoulin, seconded unanimously by James Stein, Benson Langlinais, James Landry, Lauren Brown, Patrick Broussard, Edwin Leblanc, and Scott Ransonet that the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane and Conservation District does adopt a Resolution of condolences to the family of Mr. William "Billy" Patout, III, former member of the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane and Conservation District, who passed away on August 5, 2017. (Resolution No. 2017-16)

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Stein, Benson Langlinais, James Landry, Lauren Brown, Patrick Broussard, Edwin Leblanc, Scott Ransonet, and Ronald Gonsoulin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Roy Pontiff.

And the Resolution was therefore passed on this 8th day of August, 2017.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Sept 7, 2017

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by James Landry, seconded by Patrick Broussard, 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:

Ray Fremin, Jr., Executive Director
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