

IBERIA PARISH LEVEE, HURRICANE, AND CONSERVATION
DISTRICT MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, September 17, 2013

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

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

ABSENT: James Landry, Ronald Hebert, Jr., and Frank Minvielle.

OTHERS: Rick Patout - Promotional Images, Oneil Malbrough - Shaw, Marc Berard & John Charpentier - Berard, Habetz, & Associates, Councilman Marty Trahan, Randy Martel, Herff Jones - MAD, Representative Simone Champagne, Brooke Duncan, Bill Stiles, Irving Vaughn, and Kirk Reinhardt - Royal Engineering.

I. ROLL CALL

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- August 8, 2013

A motion was made by Mr. Benson Langlinais, seconded by Mr. James Stein, that the minutes of the August 8, 2013 Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District meeting be approved.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 17th day of September, 2013.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

No Comments.

IV. ACTIONS TO BE DISCUSSED

- A. Mr. Richard Benton of FEMA to discuss the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act.

Chairman Gonsoulin announced that Mr. Benton will be in attendance at the October 3, 2013 meeting.

- B. Mr. Herff Jones, Director of the Mosquito Abatement District to discuss flood controls impact on mosquito propagation.

Mr. Herff Jones, Director of the Mosquito Abatement District, addressed the District stating that flood and tidal control has been a subject of interest and discussion for quite some time, even prior to the Boards creation. He expressed words of encouragement and advice, stating that a dedicated funding source for the Levee District should be an ultimate goal. When promoting the District's endeavors, he suggested the message be relayed that flood control and watershed help to reduce the propagation of mosquitos and diseases. He further stated that he would like to see the District succeed in its endeavors.

- C. The District discussed and considered 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.

Chairman Gonsoulin stated that he would like to entertain a motion to delete this item.

A motion was made by Mr. Patrick Broussard, seconded by Mr. James Stein, that the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District does hereby delete Resolution Summary No. 2013-07, which is 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.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 17th day of September, 2013.

D. Preparations for the November 16th millage election.

Chairman Gonsoulin stated discussions took place at Wednesday's Iberia Parish Council meeting were very informative in regards to the proposed rededication of portions of several millages to the Levee District. He then opened the floor for comments.

Mr. Patrick Broussard stated that the election will take place and the District needs to start planning, as there is a two month time limit.

Chairman Gonsoulin suggested that they start soliciting advertising funds from companies and/or individuals to run ads. He reminded everyone that this is not a tax called by the Levee District, but a renewal of parishwide millages with a rededication of a portion of those funds from each respective millage.

It was discussed that town hall meetings could be conducted and ads could be run (funded by donations) in favor of rededicating mills to the Levee District.

Mr. Brooke Duncan made several suggestions as to promoting the rededication, such as, each member going door to door and visiting local companies and/or shops in their area.

Mr. Scott Saunier suggested reaching out to all local Boards/Commissions and Organizations such as the Library Board, whereas all issues can be addressed and understood from both perspectives.

Chairman Gonsoulin requested that the secretary compile a list of the Iberia Parish Boards and Commissions in order they can be contacted for possible meeting arrangements.

Mr. Patrick Broussard suggested creating an Election Task Force, whereas one or two members would direct and organize meeting arrangements for the promotion of the tax rededication.

Mr. Irving Vaughn, resident, addressed the Board presenting several questions and offering possible recommendations.

Mr. Randy Martel, representing Mcilhenny Company, addressed the District with concerns of the impact of a proposed levee on Avery Island. It was stated that the District is prepared to work with the Mcilhenny Company regarding this matter but were not included in the Iberia Levee Master Plan at the request of Mcilhenny Company.

Representative Simone Champagne suggested that the public continue to be educated and that the District request the Greater Iberia Chamber of Commerce to host a work shop and speak only on the issues of levee conservation. She further suggested that there be other informational luncheons for the farmers and realtors, etc., so that they can understand where the water will go if changes aren't made. She advised that they stress that our plan fits into the State Master Plan, as the State would not have accepted the Iberia Master Plan if it would have allowed our surroundings to be flooded. She also suggested that a Task Force be created in order that planning for promotions of the millage election begins.

A motion was made by Mr. Patrick Broussard, seconded by Mr. Alfred "Todd" Landry, creating an Election Task Force, whereas Mr. Ben Langlinois is leading the Task Force and Mr. Patrick Broussard volunteering his efforts, together they will coordinate promotional efforts for the November 16, 2013 election. (Resolution No. 2013-08)

And the motion was therefore passed on this 17th day of September, 2013.

E. Report from the Task Force on proposed projects.

Mr. James Stein stated that the Task Force succeeded by having Mr. Randy Martel, representative of Mcilhenny Company present.

Mr. Patrick Broussard requested an update on the Iberia/Vermilion Joint Project and the projected use of the \$250,000 in Capital Outlay funds. It was decided that this item would be discussed later in the agenda.

F. Discuss and consider the execution of a contract with Minvielle & Associates for Capital Outlay application project assistance.

A motion was made by Mr. James Stein, seconded by Mr. Ben Langlinois, authorizing the Chairman to execute a contract between the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, & Conservation District and Minvielle & Associates for grant administrative consulting services in the connection with the administration of Capital Outlay application projects, all at a cost not to exceed \$2,500, contingent upon legal counsel review and approval. (Resolution No. 2013-09)

And the motion was therefore passed on this 17th day of September, 2013.

Note: On 9/20/13 Legal Counsel advised to place a cap for these services. On 9/26/13 Richard Minvielle with Minvielle and Associates advised that a cap of \$2,500 would be sufficient.

Chairman Gonsoulin advised Mr. Broussard that Minvielle and Associates would now be able to assist the District with any Capital Outlay grant questions.

G. Discuss submission of FY 2014-2015 Capital Outlay funding request and authorize Minvielle & Associates to submit

said application by November 1, 2013.

A motion was made by Mr. James Stein, seconded by Mr. Alfred "Todd" Landry, authorizing Minvielle & Associates to prepare and submit a request of \$250,000 in funding to Capital Outlay for FY 2014-2015, by November 1, 2013. (Resolution No. 2013-10)

And the motion was therefore passed on this 17th day of September, 2013.

- H. Discuss and consider a Resolution supporting the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana in its decisions to oppose the filing and prosecution of the lawsuit currently filed by Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority - East (SLFPA-E).

A motion was made by Mr. James Stein, seconded by Mr. Patrick Broussard, supporting the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana in its decisions to oppose the filing and prosecution of the lawsuit currently filed by Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority - East (SLFPA-E). (Resolution No. 2013-11)

And the motion was therefore passed on this 17th day of September, 2013.

- I. Approval of Invoice #213346 to Berard, Habetz, and Associates in the total amount of \$2,007.50.

A motion was made by Mr. Alfred "Todd" Landry, seconded by Mr. Scott Saunier, approving Invoice #213346 to Berard, Habetz, and Associates in the total amount of \$2,007.50. (Resolution No. 2013-12)

And the motion was therefore passed on this 17th day of September, 2013.

- J. Mr. Patrick Broussard to discuss and review the Levee Districts organization.

Mr. Broussard expressed his concerns in the way the meetings are structured. He noted that the flow of the meeting has improved and expressed his appreciation on the structure of the meeting as it was conducted today. He suggested that the District create Tasks Force in order to distribute the responsibilities among all members of the District.

Several members and Councilman Marty Trahan expressed their ideas and assured Mr. Broussard that in due time improvements will be made to the structure.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Iberia Parish Council Finance Committee has tabled the \$250,000 2014 budget allocation request, until the October 2, 2013 meeting.

It was requested that this item be tabled at the October 2, 2013 Iberia Parish Finance Committee meeting.

- B. Proposed attendance for the 72nd Annual Meeting of the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana to be held December 4-5, 2013 at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside.

Proposed attendance is as follows:

Patrick Broussard, Scott Saunier, and Marc Berard - Engineer.

Mr. Saunier and Mr. Broussard stated they would pay for their own travel expenses.

- C. Chairman Gonsoulin requested that the agenda be expanded in order to entertain a motion to authorize the Chairman to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District and the Port of Iberia District for the contribution of \$25,000 to be used at the discretion of the board of that entity, for the purpose of assisting in the work of planning and design, securing necessary funding for construction, and ultimately constructing the levee and related structures required to provide storm surge protection to the Port and the Parish of Iberia, contingent upon legal counsel review and approval.

A motion was made by Mr. James Stein, seconded by Mr. Patrick Broussard, that the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District does hereby recess its Special Session and convene in Public Hearing to receive comments regarding Resolution Summary No. 13, which is a Resolution authorizing the Chairman to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District and the Port of Iberia District for the contribution of \$25,000 to be used at the discretion of the board of that entity, for the purpose of assisting in the work of planning and design, securing necessary funding for construction, and ultimately constructing the levee and related structures required to provide storm surge protection to the Port and the Parish of Iberia, contingent upon legal counsel review and approval.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 17th day of September, 2013.

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

And the motion was therefore passed on this 17th day of September, 2013.

A motion was made by Mr. Alfred "Todd" Landry, seconded by Mr. Patrick Broussard, that the agenda be expanded to discuss and consider Resolution Summary No. 13, which is a Resolution authorizing the Chairman to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District and the Port of Iberia District for the contribution of \$25,000 to be used at the discretion of the board of that entity, for the purpose of assisting in the work of planning and design, securing necessary funding for construction, and ultimately constructing the levee and related structures required to provide storm surge protection to the Port and the Parish of Iberia, contingent upon legal counsel review and approval.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 17th day of September, 2013.

A motion was made by James Stein, seconded by Mr. Ben Langlinois, authorizing the Chairman to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District and the Port of Iberia District for the contribution of \$25,000 to be used at the discretion of the board of that entity, for the purpose of assisting in the work of planning and design, securing necessary funding for construction, and ultimately

constructing the levee and related structures required to provide storm surge protection to the Port and the Parish of Iberia, contingent upon legal counsel review and approval. (Resolution No. 2013-13)

And the motion was therefore passed on this 17th day of September, 2013.

- D. Mr. Patrick Broussard requested an update from the Task Force which was created to discuss the Iberia/Vermilion Joint Project and the use of \$250,000 of Capital Outlay funds.

Mr. Langlinois stated that during the last meeting Vermilion Parish Officials were in attendance and discussion was held in regards to the Iberia/Vermilion Joint Project, and that most likely the Iberia Levee District could allocate some of the Capital Outlay funding to engineering and permitting for the two structures.

Mr. Stein noted there was discussion in regards to the impact these two structures would have on Avery Island. He stated that a study has been requested from CPRA and are awaiting a response.

It was stated that Vermilion Parish had two projects with approximately \$6 million of State funds allocated to each project. It was explained that the Vermilion Police Jury has requested that the \$12 million be reallocated to the Bayou Tigre structure to compliment Iberia Parish and the Delcambre Canal structure.

Representative Simone Champagne explained that Capital Outlay funds require you to expend the funds and Capital Outlay reimburses you. She stated that the \$250,000 in funding has been allocated to the District for specific purposes as submitted on the Capital Outlay application.

Mr. Oneil Malbrough explained that neither project can be permitted independently and separately. The idea is to coordinate Vermilion and Iberia Projects together. He stated as soon as the location of the Delcambre Canal Flood Gate is determined the two Parishes can apply for a permit jointly.

VI. PLANS FOR NEXT MEETING

- October 3, 2013

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. James Stein, seconded by Mr. Alfred "Todd" 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:

Ronald Gonsoulin, Chairman

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