**ATCHAFALAYA BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT**



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August 1, 2012

A Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District was held at the Office of the Board in Port Allen, Louisiana at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 1, 2012. Vice President Bill Flynn called the meeting to order, in the absence of the President John Grezaffi. Mrs. Janice Jarreau called the roll. The following members were present:

COMMISSIONER PARISH

Gerald Alexander Ascension

Glenn Angelle Iberia

Cory Chustz West Baton Rouge

Bill Flynn West Baton Rouge

Daniel Hebert Iberville

Karen Jewell Iberville

Moise LeBlanc St. Martin

Gerald LeGrand St. Martin

Harry Marionneaux Iberville (arrived late)

Earl Matherne Assumption

Barry Soileau St. Landry

Absent:

 John Grezaffi Pointe Coupee

 Stephen Juge Pointe Coupee

Also Present:

INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING

Margaret Canella Citizen

Eric Poche' Citizen

Rick Dugas CPRA

Steve Marionneaux Levee Board Attorney

Cecil Tessier Assistant Executive Director

Richard Sparks Levee Board Operations Superintendent

Janice Jarreau Administrative Program Manager

Kristy Jewell Human Resource Analyst

Crissi Canezaro Administrative Coordinator

Will Tyson Executive Director

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Mr. Will Tyson asked the board to consider adding a resolution to the agenda of the meeting today to authorize the President of the Board of Commissioners to adopt the oil leases in St. Martin Parish with Theophilus Oil, Gas & Land Services, LLC as previously approved. He said the Mineral Board asked for a formal resolution to process the request. Commissioner Glenn Angelle moved, seconded by Commissioner Earle Matherne and unanimously carried to add this item to the agenda.

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The Commissioners reviewed the minutes of the July 11, 2012 meeting. Commissioner Glenn Angelle noted that the minutes indicate that gates were installed before receiving approval from the board. He asked why this was allowed. Mr. Tyson advised the board that the landowner contacted President John Grezaffi and he gave permission, since it was an emergency. Commissioner Glenn Angelle further noted that the new gate policy omitted the statement that all gates should remain unlocked between 6:00 am and 6:00 pm each day. He asked if we should determine how many gates are on the levee. He further suggested that we request that our police officers ride the levees and determine if all the gates are permitted, and whether they are locked or unlocked between this time period. Mr. Richard Sparks said the men have keys to some of the gates, but some of the gates are locked.

After considerable discussion, Commissioner Barry Soileau moved, seconded by Commissioner Gerald LeGrand and unanimously carried to set a policy so that after a landowner is warned by the police once, the second time the gate is found locked, the gate will be removed and taken to the barn, and we will ask the landowner to come to one of the Board meetings to discuss. This notice is to be published in the newspaper and letters are to be sent to all gate permit owners.

Commissioner Barry Soileau moved, seconded by Commissioner Moise LeBlanc and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 11, 2012 and that they be published in the official journal of the Board.

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Mr. Will Tyson advised the board of a request from Mr. Andy Hursey relative to the Bayou Sorrel Boat Launch SJB#-11243.0. He explained that this is a permit request to demolish the existing north boat ramp and insert a concrete boat ramp with piers, a concrete apron adjacent to the new ramp, concrete parking and associated walks for ADA accessibility, electrical service to power and list the parking area and boat ramps, and relocation of an existing floating pier with gangway and abutment. Commissioner Harry Marionneaux moved, seconded by Commissioner Karen Jewell and unanimously carried to approve the request.

Mr. Rick Dugas of CPRA addressed the board. He said that the Bayou Sorrel Boat Launch project has not been submitted to CPRA, and encouraged them to do so. He advised the board that the web-based program for permits will not occur in August, but the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District will be a part of a pilot program.

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A meeting of the Equipment Committee of the Board of Commissioners for the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District was held at 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 18, 2012 at the Board Office in Port Allen, Louisiana. Commissioner Moise LeBlanc called the meeting to order. The following members were present:

Moise LeBlanc, Chairman

Gerald Alexander, 1st Vice Chairman

Harry Marionneaux, 2nd Vice Chairman

Glenn Angelle, Member

John Grezaffi, Ex-officio Member

Bill Flynn, Ex-Officio Member

Absent:

Gerald LeGrand, Member

Also Present:

Commissioner Karen Jewell

Commissioner Earl Matherne

Commissioner Cory Chustz

Bruce Guidry, Levee Board Police Captain

Richard Sparks, Levee Operations Superintendent

Cecil Tessier, Assistant Executive Director

Janice Jarreau, Administrative Program Manager

Kristy Jewell, Human Resource Analyst

Tiffany Weber, Administrative Coordinator

Crissi Canezaro, Administrative Coordinator

Peggy McCutcheon, Accounting Technician

William Tyson, Executive Director, Levee Board

Steve Marionneaux, Levee Board Attorney

1. Receive and open bid for the sale of used equipment - The following bids were duly opened

 and read:

Harold Wentworth

 P.O. Box 475

Meadville, MS 39653

Lot #8 $2256.00 Lot #9 $2256.00 Lot #10 $2256.00 Lot #11 $2256.00

Lot #12 $2556.00 Lot #13 $1226.00 Lot #14 $1226.00 Lot #15 $1226.00

Lot #16 $1226.00

Matthew LeCoq

P.O. Box 362

Morganza, LA 70759

Lot #2 $6555.55 Lot #4 $12,555.55

James Belotti

196 Walter Robinson Lane

Crowley, LA 70526

Lot #4 $8000.00

Sugar Run Trucking

16677 Highway 417

Batchelor, LA 70715

Lot #9 $1550.00

John Goode Farms

16677 Highway 417

Batchelor, LA 70715

Lot #14 $2250.00

Dennis Ledet

1039 Harold Stoute Rd.

Breaux Bridge, LA 70517

Lot #6 $3429.00

Donna Jones

36426 Manchac Way Ave.

Prairieville, LA 70769

Lot #9 $2126.00

Michael Chiasson

P.O. Box 141

Duson, LA 70529

Lot #13 $1500.00 Lot # 14 $1150.00 Lot #15 $1150.00

Benjamin Stelly

P.O. Box 308

Arnaudville, LA 70512

Lot #10 $1400.00 Lot #12 $1500.00 Lot #16 $1150.00

Laser Bucket, LLC.

P.O. Box 140

Batchelor, LA 70715

Lot #12 $3826.00

Mark Demoulin

P.O. Box 435

Fordoche, LA 70732

Lot #11 $1426.00

Virgil Hebert

2911 Gene Road

Erath, LA 70533

Lot #1 $4527.00 Lot #2 $4645.00 Lot #3 $4715.00

Martin & Martin

2236 Highway 49 South

Brooklyn, MS 39425

Lot #1 $8300.00 Lot #2 $8300.00 Lot #3 $8300.00 Lot #4 $8800.00

Dixie Surplus

P.O. Box 639

Pollock, LA 71467

Lot #1 $6160.00 Lot #2 $6760.00 Lot #3 $8310.00 Lot #4 $11,260.00

Lot #7 $2850.00 Lot #8 $1550.00 Lot #9 $2100.00 Lot #10 $2050.00

Lot #11 $1550.00 Lot #12 $4100.00 Lot #13 $1260.00 Lot #15 $1260.00

Lot #16 $1560.00

Fairco, Inc.

40 Reese Creek Blvd.

Petal, MS 39465

Lot #1 $4377.00 Lot #2 $4777.00 Lot #3 $6777.00 Lot #4 $8377.00

Lot #8 $1377.00 Lot #9 $1577.00 Lot #10 $1777.00 Lot #11 $1377.00

Lot #12 $2777.0 Lot #13 $1377.00 Lot #14 $1777.00 Lot #16 $1377.00

Moses Jackson

P.O. Box 151

Cade, LA 70517-0151

Lot #9 $3012.00 Lot #10 $2512.00 Lot #13 $4012.00 Lot #16 $3012.00

Dean Rogers

15823 Highway 418

Lettsworth, LA 70753

Lot # 4 $7500.00 Lot #6 $3500.00

Angrus Pellerin

P.O. Box 3172

Lafayette, LA 70502

Lot #1 $5502.00 Lot #4 $7004.00 Lot #12 $1403.00 Lot # 14 $1601.00

Tim Marionneaux

P.O. Box 427

Livonia, LA 70755

Lot #1 $6600.00 Lot #2 $6666.00 Lot #4 $6666.00 Lot #5 3555.00

Lot #6 $3551.00 Lot #12 $2666.00

Crystal Westfall

P.O. Box 663

Livonia, LA 70755

Lot # 17 $5.00 Lot #18 $5.00

 Commissioner Glenn Angelle moved, seconded by Commissioner Harry Marionneaux and

 unanimously carried to authorize approval of the highest bid, subject to review by the

 executive director and the staff attorney.

2. Any other equipment matters - None.

There being no further business, upon motion by Commissioner Gerald Alexander, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Moise LeBlanc, Chairman /s/Gerald Alexander, 1st Vice Chairman

/s/Harry Marionneaux, 2nd Vice Chairman /s/Glenn Angelle, Member

/s/John Grezaffi, Ex-Officio Chairman /s/Bill Flynn, Ex-Officio Chairman

Commissioner Moise LeBlanc advised the board that the Equipment Committee opened bids for used equipment at their last meeting. He referred the board to a chart included in their packets with all the bid tabulations. He further noted that the Equipment Committee voted to authorize approval of the highest bidder after review by the Executive Director and staff. Commissioner Moise LeBlanc moved, seconded by Commissioner Barry Soileau and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the Equipment Committee Meeting on July 18, 2012 as presented.

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A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Commissioners for the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District was held on Wednesday, July 18, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. at the Board Office in Port Allen, Louisiana. Chairman Steve Juge called the meeting to order. The following members were present:

Harry Marionneaux, 2nd Vice Chairman

Barry Soileau, Member

Moise LeBlanc, Member

John Grezaffi, Ex-Officio Chair

Bill Flynn, Ex-Officio Chair

Absent:

Steve Juge, Chairman

Daniel Hebert, 1st Vice Chairman

Also Present:

Commissioner Gerald Alexander

Commissioner Karen Jewell

Commissioner Cory Chustz

Kevin Durbin, West Baton Rouge Parish

Eric Poche, West Baton Rouge Parish

Cecil Tessier, Assistant Executive Director, Levee Board

Richard Sparks, Levee Board Operations Superintendent

Janice Jarreau, Administrative Program Manager

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Peggy McCutcheon, Accounting Technician

William Tyson, Executive Director, Levee Board

Steve Marionneaux, Levee Board Attorney

2nd Vice Chairman Harry Marionneaux called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present.

1. Request from Mr. Jed LeBlanc to nominate a tract of land in St. Martin Parish for campsite lease. - Mr. Will Tyson advised the committee that the board received a request from Jed LeBlanc to advertise for bids to lease a tract of land in St. Martin, LA across from Belle River Landing. Currently the property has no electricity or sewerage. He said we recently leased all this land to McMoRan Oil & Gas for oil and gas drilling and it may or may not be in the way of that work. Commissioner Barry Soileau moved, seconded by Commissioner Moise LeBlanc and unanimously carried to table this item until Mr. Tyson has a chance to talk with McMoRan Oil & Gas to see how it would affect their work. Commissioner Gerald Alexander advised the committee that the lots on Belle River have gone up from $525 per year to $1,500 per year in the last several years. The property is currently selling for $1,200 per square foot.
2. Discuss a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Atchafalaya Basin Levee District and West Baton Rouge Parish Government - Mr. Kevin Durbin addressed the committee. He said the City of Brusly received a grant of $92,000 to build a levee trail head in Brusly. He asked the committee to recommend approval of a Cooperative Endeavor agreement with the West Baton Rouge Parish Government to complete the work. Commissioner Harry Marionneaux asked Mr. Tyson to talk with our attorney and come back to the full board with a recommendation. Mr. Steve Marionneaux said the agreement will have to include a liability policy and an indemnification agreement holding the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District harmless. Mr. Eric Poche advised the committee that the agreement is similar to one drafted for the Pontchartrain Levee District. He said he feels it will relieve the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District of any liability. Commissioner Barry Soileau moved, seconded by Commissioner Moise LeBlanc and unanimously carried to request this matter be brought to the entire board at its next regular meeting.
3. Discuss correspondence from Liskow & Lewis on behalf of McMoRan Oil & Gas, LLC

Mr. Tyson referred to a letter included in the commissioners packets from Liskow & Lewis relative to the Pierre Pass Field in St. Martin Parish. He said they are requesting they dissolve one unit and drill another. This is for informational purposes only.

There being no further business to come before the committee, upon motion by Commissioner Moise LeBlanc and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Harry Marionneaux, 2nd Vice Chairman /s/Moise LeBlanc, Member

/s/Barry Soileau, Member /s/Bill Flynn, Ex-Officio Chairman

/s/John Grezaffi, Ex-Officio Chairman

In reference to Item #1 relative to a request from Mr. Jed LeBlanc to nominate a tract of land in St. Martin Parish for a campsite lease, Mr. Tyson reported that he spoke with officials at McMoRan Oil & Gas and they indicated they could not say what all their plans are at this time, but would like us to wait until the wells are drilled before moving forward with this request. Commissioner Barry Soileau moved, seconded by Commissioner Gerald LeGrand and unanimously carried to table the request.

In reference to Item #2 relative to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Atchafalaya Basin Levee District and West Baton Rouge Parish Government, Mr. Tyson advised the board that he talked with Mr. Kevin Dubin and our attorney Mr. Steve Marionneaux about the document. He said he does not see any issue with the agreement except to include "Coastal Protection & Restoration". He recommended approval of the agreement. Commissioner Glenn Angelle moved, seconded by Commissioner Cory Chustz and unanimously carried to approve the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement as amended.

Commissioner Karen Jewell moved, seconded by Commissioner Earl Matherne and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee of July 18, 2012 as presented.

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Mr. Tyson explained to the board that after they approved the Mineral Lease in St. Martin Parish last month with Theopolis Oil, the Mineral Board came back and requested an official resolution stating that we adopted the oil leases in St. Martin Parish.

Moved by Commissioner Barry Soileau, seconded by Commissioner Earl Matherne and unanimously carried to amend the motion which stated, “Mr. Steve Marionneaux advised the board that Pinnacle Leasing has asked to nominate five tracts of land in St. Martin Parish for an oil, gas and mineral lease. He said the company has asked for a five year lease, instead of a three year lease. He said we would need to follow the rules of the Mineral Board in handling the lease. David Stern of Pinnacle Leasing addressed the board on this matter. He said the Mineral Board has verbally told him they would accept a five year lease. He advised the board that this is a 30,000 foot project similar to an offshore project, but it is being brought on land. He expects it to take at least a year to be complete. Mr. Steve Marionneaux said the Mineral Board is not mandating the five year lease, so it would be up to the Board of Commissioners. However, they are stating they would allow a five year lease for this type project. The board discussed whether to give a three year lease with an option for two more years. After discussion, Commissioner Barry Soileau moved, seconded by Commissioner Steve Juge and unanimously carried to bid the tracts of land noted for a five year lease,” which was approved at the Regular Meeting of the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District on April 4, 2012 as;

**RESOLUTION**

Whereas: The Board of Commissioners for the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District met on August 1, 2012. Whereby: Permission was voted on and granted to allow the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District to advertise 5 nominations and accept bids covering Mineral interest on Lands owned by the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District situated within Township 13 South, Range 12 East.

Vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Gerald Alexander, Glenn Angelle, Cory Chustz, Bill Flynn, Daniel Hebert, Kay Jewell, Moise LeBlanc, Gerald LeGrand, Harry Marionneaux, Earl Matherne, and Barry Soileau.

Nays: None.

Absent and not voting: Commissioners John Grezaffi and Stephen Juge.

The vote in favor thereof being unanimous, the resolution was declared duly adopted.

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I, Janice G. Jarreau, Secretary for the Board of Commissioners for the Atchafalaya Basin

Levee District, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy

of excerpts of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for the Atchafalaya Basin

Levee District, a Regular Meeting held in Port Allen, Louisiana on Wednesday,

Auguist 1, 2012.

/s/ Janice G. Jarreau

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Alexander, Angelle, Chustz, Flynn, Hebert, Jewell, LeBlanc, LeGrand, Marionneaux, Matherne and Soileau

Nays: None

Absent and not voting: Commissioner Grezaffi and Juge

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Commissioner Daniel Hebert moved, seconded by Commissioner Karen Jewell and unanimously carried to authorize the President to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Atchafalaya Basin Levee District and West Barton Rouge Parish Government.

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There being no further business to appear before the board, upon motion by Commissioner Earl Matherne and unanimously carried the meeting adjourned.

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Janice Jarreau, Secretary John Grezaffi, President

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Linda E. Alwood, Contract Stenographer