MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OF THE RED RIVER LEVEE & DRAINAGE DISTRICT

 MAY 10, 2016

 COUSHATTA, LA 71019

The Board of Commissioners of the Red River Levee & Drainage District met this day in regular session with the following Commissioners present:

William Waltman, President - Present

Daniel Cason, Vice President – Present

Marlan Anderson, Commissioner – Present

Milton Forrest, Commissioner – Present

Ellen Moore, Secretary – Present

The following listed attended the meeting as guests:

Karen Freeman, RROHSEP Shawn Beard, RRPPJ, President

Jenny Reynolds GOHSEP Jeff Volkman, FEMA

David North, DOTD Shane Hubbard, RR OHSEP

Curt Bonid, DOTD Michael Robinson, RR Fire Dept.

Cindy O’Neal, DOTD Greg Moore, RRP SD

Robert Tomasek, DOTD Jessie Davis, RRPPJ

The meeting was held at the fire station in Coushatta, Louisiana to accommodate everyone involved to talk about the set back of the levee.

Mr. Curt Bonid from the Department of Transportation and Development with the State of Louisiana had the floor first. He said the state was in a financial hold at this time. The levee is a non-state levee so he was not sure if any help or assistance was available at all. He said he would be willing to look at plans or designs from the Corp of Engineers.

Mr. Robert Tomasek with DOTD met with the Corp last week to see what the options are for the levee which are not good. The Corp is not going to participate because of the latest rating.

Ms. Cindy O’Neal with DOTD talked about applying for grants such as the Louisiana Statewide Flood Control Program.

Mr. Jeff Volkman with FEMA said we need to get a DUNS number to go any further with FEMA. We will also need documentation proving that we have been maintaining the levee properly. Wayne Rickard is the long-term disaster contact.

Ms. Jenny Reynolds with GOHSEP talked about a temporary plan until permanent assistance could be obtained. It is 182 ft. to the railroad is all the room left to the levee. Mr Robert Tomasek was going to get some numbers for temporary work. Mr. Shane Hubbard was going to contact Kansas City Southern Railroad and Ms. Karen Freeman, Homeland Security was going to contact people to get flood insurance and get out public information. The decision was made to work with FEMA on a temporary emergency solution first.

The minutes from the previous meeting dated April 12, 2016 were presented for review and approval. On a motion by Mr. Milton Forrest seconded by Mr. Daniel Cason the minutes were unanimously approved.

The bank statements reconciliations were presented to the board for review and any discussion or questions. On a motion by Mr. Daniel Cason seconded by Mr. Milton Forrest the bank statements were unanimously approved as presented.

The current bills and invoices for Office Rent and S & S Storage, LLC were presented and the Secretary was authorized to pay. A motion was made by Mr. Marlan Anderson seconded by Mr. Milton Forrest to approve the invoices presented at the meeting and the motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Daniel Cason seconded by Milton Forrest for the Red River Levee and Drainage District to approve the 2016 Engagement Agreement between the Louisiana Legislative Auditor and the Red River Levee and Drainage District. Motion unanimously passed.

A discussion was held about what type spray should be used by Edko on the levee. 2-4-D kills cotton, tomatoes, and soybeans and should not be used.

William Brown finished lift assist on flood gate at East Point. The cost installed is $1,200.00. The lift assist on flap gates will be painted orange.

The laws on drainage channels was given to each commissioner for their review.

There being no further business to come before the Board on proper motion duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Red River Levee & Drainage District will be held on June 14, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. 620 Rush Street, Coushatta, Louisiana.

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