

## **Minutes – Atchafalaya Basin Program (ABP)**

### **Research and Promotion Board Meeting**

**Sept 24, 2014**

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by the Chair - Gerald Alexander

A Roll Call was conducted and showed the following members present and that a quorum was present:

Gerald Alexander, Alex Appeaning, Stuart Johnson, Keith Lovell, Marty Beasley, Paul Naquin, Brad Spicer, Charles Sutcliffe, Shawn Wilson, and Mike Wood.

Sign - in sheet is attached to document other attendees.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Charles Sutcliffe, seconded by Brad Spicer, and passed unanimously by voice vote of the members.

A motion to approve the minutes from the July 2014 meeting was made by Brad Spicer, seconded by Paul Naquin and was passed unanimously by voice vote of the members.

A Buffalo Cove update was given by Don Haydel.

Don Haydel gave a presentation of Atchafalaya Basin Program (ABP) projects that were approved by the TAG to fall into three categories:

1. Unable to move forward (recommend moving funds that are allocated for these projects to projects that are able to move forward). Those projects that cannot move forward are Brown Bayou, 16" and 21" Canal planning and construction, Upper Grand River Flats, and Cocodrie Swamp. The ABP staff also recommended that funding for the Engineering Support for the TAG is no longer required to be funded. The total dollar amount available for reallocation was approximately \$1,462,500 (subject to confirmation by the Office of Facility Planning & Control).

2. Still waiting for landowner decision (recommend no action at this time). Those projects are Pigeon Bay and East Grand Lake.

3. Able to move forward (reallocating funds to these projects according to the prioritization list approved by the TAG). Those projects that are able to move forward in order of priority are: 1. Blockage Restoration / Dredge Grand Lake (proposed) + Little Pigeon Dredging, 2. 21" and Orange Barrel Sediment Trap Dredging, 3. Murphy Lake Dredging, and 4. Big Pigeon Dredging.

Gerald Alexander asked how many of the projects on the priority list could be completed using the reallocated funds. Don Haydel replied that he expected that priorities one through four could be completed based on current cost estimates if the projects could be combined into one package to minimize mobilization costs.

A motion to reallocate funds from projects that cannot move forward plus the Engineering Support for the TAG to those projects that can move forward was made by Brad Spicer and seconded by Marty Beasley.

Alex Appeaning asked how much money had already been invested in projects that would be declared unable to proceed. Don Haydel replied that only \$10 - \$15,000 had been spent from that project on landowner identification and engineering services to provide preliminary drawings of the proposed features to use in discussions with landowners.

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of the members.

No old business was discussed.

For new business, Don Haydel stated that the 2016 annual plan would be presented to the board for their approval in October.

Charles Reulet reminded the board that a field trip is being planned by the ABP on October 16, 2014 to allow the board members to view some of the recommended projects. An email will be sent to the members to confirm attendance.

**A motion to adjourn was made by Brad Spicer, seconded by Keith Lovell and unanimously passed by a voice vote of the members.**

**The meeting adjourned at 10:05 am.**

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