**Atchafalaya Basin Program**

**Research & Promotion Board Meeting**

**Thursday, November 21, 2013**

 **9:00am to 11:00am**

**LA Department of Natural Resources**

 **Griffon Room – 1st Floor**

**617 North 3rd Street**

**Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

**Meeting Minutes**

BOARD MEMBERS:

Atchafalaya Levee Board Gerald Alexander (chairman)

Department of Environmental Quality Linda Hardy for Alex Appeaning

Department of Health & Hospitals Lance Broussard (absent)

Office of the Governor (Coastal Activities) Charles Sutcliffe (absent)

Department of Wildlife & Fisheries Melissa Kaintz for Mike Wood

Department of Natural Resources Charles Reulet for Keith Lovell

Department of Transportation & Development Shawn Wilson (absent)

Culture, Recreation & Tourism Stuart Johnson

Department of Ag & Forestry Brad Spicer

St. Mary Parish representative Paul Naquin (absent)

NON-VOTING BOARD MEMBERS:

Assumption Parish representative Marty Triche (Absent)

Iberville Parish representative Mitch Ourso (Absent)

St. Martin Parish representative Guy Cormier (Absent)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Department of Natural Resources Staff Don Haydel

 Charles Reulet

 Sara Krupa

 Dana Naquin

1. **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gerald Alexander and a roll call determined there was a quorum present.

2. **Approval of agenda by majority vote, or agenda may be amended by 2/3 vote**

The Chairman asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was made by Stuart Johnson and seconded by Brad Spicer to approve the agenda. The Chairman called for the vote and approval of the agenda passed unanimously.

3. **Approval of Minutes from October 30, 2013 Board Meeting**

The Chairman called for any corrections or changes to the prior meeting minutes. The Chairman called for a motion to approve the minutes of October 30, 2013 meeting as written. Motion was made by Melissa Kaintz and seconded by Charles Reulet to approve the minutes. The Chairman called for the vote and approval of the minutes passed unanimously.

4. **Overview of Public Meetings**

Don Haydel gave overview of public meetings:

Tuesday, November 12 – Morgan City

Wednesday, November 13 – St. Martinville

Thursday, November 14 – Plaquemine

Mr. Gerald requested that, moving forward, individuals who submit project nominations be made aware that if private landowner participation is required, that the nominator should supply the landowner’s consent with the nomination. Don Haydel indicated that the program will use this new policy for future project nominations. Don Haydel will attend the CPRA meeting on Tuesday, December 3 to present the plan for review and approval as consistent with the Master Plan.

5. **Proposed Changes to FY 2015 Draft Annual Basin Plan**

Don Haydel pointed out that no comments requesting changes to the plan were received in the three public meetings.

6. **Public Comment**

No public comment

7. **Consideration of Modifications to FY 2015 Draft Annual Basin Plan**

A motion was made by Alex Appeaning to accept the FY Draft Annual Basin Plan and seconded by Brad Spicer and passed unanimously.

8. **Old Business**

Don Haydel informed the Board that the Atchafalaya Basin Program, LDNR, and St. Martin Parish were not successful in obtaining cooperation from the private landowner of the critical northern input features for the Cocodrie Swamp Project. In accordance with the motion from the October 30, 2013 meeting, the Board confirmed that $250,000.00 in funds could be reallocated from the Cocodrie Swamp Project to the Bayou Fourche Project.

9. **New Business**

No new business discussed

10. **Adjourn**

The chairman asked if there were any other questions or comments. Hearing none, he called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Keith Lovell to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Stuart Johnson and passed unanimously.