

Minutes – Atchafalaya Basin Program (ABP)

Research and Promotion Board Meeting

Oct 29, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 9:55 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, Linda Hardy (for Alex Appeaning), Stuart Johnson, Keith Lovell, Marty Beasley, Brad Spicer, and Mike Wood.

Sign-in sheet is attached to document other attendees.

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

A motion to approve the minutes from the Sept 2014 meeting was made Mike Wood, seconded by Keith Lovell and was passed unanimously by voice vote of the members.

Don Haydel updated members on the status of the funding reallocation that was approved at the last meeting: the budget amendment is currently at Facility Planning & Control and is awaiting approval.

An update on the Pigeon Bay project was given by Don Haydel: landowners have approved several crucial project features, and the project will move forward using funds that have been allocated for that project.

An update on Buffalo Cove was given by Don Haydel: Right of Entry agreement for state lands is pending, and the project should be constructed in 2015.

Don Haydel reminded board members of the next steps in the annual plan process: public meetings are scheduled for Nov. 5 in Plaquemine, Nov. 6 in Henderson, and Nov. 13 in Morgan City. The board will meet again after the public meetings to approve any changes before the plan is presented to CPRA.

Mike Wood asked if the projects that were prioritized at the previous meeting would be presented at the public meetings. Don Haydel responded that they would be and directed the board to page 24 in the Draft Annual Plan that includes the prioritized list.

Gerald Alexander encouraged board members to contact the Atchafalaya Basin Program with any specific comments or suggestions that may come up as they further study the draft plan.

Public comments were made by Dean Wilson, representing the Atchafalaya Basinkeeper and the Sierra Club. In reference to the Murphy Lake project description on page 28 of the draft plan, Mr. Wilson would like to know where disposal of the dredge spoil would occur. Don Haydel responded that options for disposal would be detailed by engineers as project planning progresses, but likely options would be either onsite disposal through spray dredging or hauling spoil out of the Basin. Mr. Wilson suggested that disposing of dredge spoil in a pile would be preferable to spraying, because it would be less likely to fill and damage wetlands. He would like to see options for spoil disposal mentioned in the project description in the Annual Plan.

Dean Wilson commended the Atchafalaya Basin Program and especially its director, Don Haydel, for the improvements this year in the planning of water quality projects.

Dean Wilson further commented that the Corps channel re-alignment has caused major waterways to become silted in. He would like to see the Atchafalaya Basin Program take initiative to reverse policies that result in siltation within the Basin and to support policies that result in sediment being transported to the coast. Mr. Alexander encouraged Mr. Wilson to prepare a presentation for the next meeting with his specific recommendations.

No old business was discussed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Keith Lovell. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.



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