

IBERIA PARISH LEVEE, HURRICANE, AND CONSERVATION
DISTRICT MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, January 9, 2014

TIME: Six (6:00) O'Clock P.M.

ATTENDANCE: James Landry, James Stein, Benson Langlinais, Ronald Gonsoulin, Ronald Hebert, Jr., Frank Minvielle, Patrick Broussard, and Scott Saunier.

ABSENT: Alfred "Todd" Landry.

OTHERS: Marc Berard & John Charpentier - Berard, Habetz, and Associates, Shona Gibson - FEMA, Councilman Marty Tarhan - District 13, Brook Duncan, Glenn Ledet & Oneil Malbrough - Shaw, Bill Stiles, Mike Pugh - Royal, Irving Vaughn, Sara Blanchard - Daily Iberian, and Janet Faulk - Greater Iberia Chamber of Commerce.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. SPECIAL BUSINESS

A. Election of Officers

(1) Chairman & Vice-Chairman

Chairman Gonsoulin announced that the District would be electing officers for 2014.

Mr. Patrick Broussard questioned what is protocol for electing the chair seats. Mr. Gonsoulin stated that it was never discussed and noted that the Council Chair has had one Chairman voted for more than one year simultaneously.

Mr. Frank Minvielle stated that the District is just getting organized and that he had nominated Mr. Gonsoulin because he had the time to devote as Chairman. He also stated that Mr. Langlinais has the knowledge and has also been devoting time to the District. He commented that he would like to see the same individuals chair until someone is hired.

Mr. Patrick Broussard commented that he would like to see the chairmanship change each year, as he would not want the District to be perceived that there is no change, but instead growing.

Mr. Minvielle stated that he is favor of change for the betterment, but not many members have the chance to devote the time it requires.

A motion was made by Mr. Frank Minvielle, seconded by Mr. Ronald Hebert, Jr. nominating Mr. Ronald Gonsoulin as Chairman and Mr. Benson Langlinais as Vice-Chairman for the year 2014.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 9th day of January, 2014.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- December 5, 2013

A motion was made by Mr. James Stein, seconded by Mr. James Landry that the minutes of the December 5, 2013 Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District meeting be approved.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 9th day of January, 2014.

Mr. Scott Saunier entered the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

V. PERSONS TO ADDRESS

- A. Mr. Jimmy Landry and Ms. Shona Gibson to discuss the process required for FEMA to recognize a newly constructed levee.

Mr. Landry introduced Ms. Gibson, of FEMA, Region 6 to discuss several topics relative to the Levee District and FEMA requirements.

Ms. Gibson stated that FEMA has a process set up for getting a levee recognized. She stated that it is always the responsibility of the levee owner/operator to provide the documentation to FEMA, which demonstrates that the levee meets FEMA accreditation standards. She encouraged the members to review the Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 65 - Section 10.

Ms. Gibson explained that for a new levee, a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) is to be complete, whereas this would be the process to change a map which is already set in place. She explained that should the levee not be built, a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR), is the process whereas you go through the motions of designing a levee to FEMA standards. She noted that this would be the closest thing to pre-approval from FEMA.

Ms. Gibson stated that she can provide a packet of information which outlines the process of seeking a FEMA approved levee. She noted that incomplete submitted packages to FEMA extends the review time. She encouraged the District to work with the CLOMR group when they decide to start the process. She suggested that the District apply to FEMA first, as it could be the longest process of all.

Several District and audience members presented questions to Ms. Gibson and so forth.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED

Chairman Gonsoulin opened the floor for Public Comments.

Ms. Janet Faulk Gonzales, with the Greater Iberia Chamber of Commerce stated that she has been working closely with the Levee District on educating the public. She explained that they will be pursuing "Eggs and Issues" meetings in attempts to educate the public. She also stated that they are planning a series of meetings around the various topics that people need more information on relative to the Levee Project.

The District members and Ms. Gonzales discussed possible topics for discussion and potential visitors that could be used during the "Eggs and Issues" meetings. It was mentioned that instead of using an ad agency, the Chamber of Commerce has voluntarily donated their time and talents to the District.

Several audience members and District members voiced their opinions and discussed ideas to pursue in regards to raising funds. It was further discussed that prior to implementing a campaign, an election date needs to be set, as there are several commitments from folks throughout the Parish who are willing to donate their time and money for the promotion of a levee tax.

Chairman Gonsoulin exited the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Vice-Chairman Ben Langlinois assumed the position of Chairman.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Updates on:

- Weeks Bay Project

Mr. Langlinois stated that there is no new information to report at this time.

- Delcambre-Avery Canal Project, TV-57

There were general discussions on the modeling and design of the project, etc.

- Capital Outlay Requests

It was stated that the FY 2014-2015 requests will be reviewed during the 2014 Legislative Session.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Report from the Task Force in regards to meeting with the Atchafalaya Levee District.

It was stated that several members attempted to make contact with the Atchafalaya Levee District, but were unable to make contact.

B. Discuss and review submitted questionnaire in regards to Senate Concurrent Resolution 39.

Mr. Ben Langlinois requested the members to review the packet of information submitted to Arcadis in regards to Senate Concurrent Resolution 39. Upon hearing no questions, Mr. Langlinois stated that the office of CPRA will be reviewing and reporting on the submitted information.

C. Approval of an Invoice from the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana for registration fees for the Annual Meeting held on December 4-5, 2013, in the total amount of \$990.

A motion was made by Mr. James Stein, seconded by Mr. Frank Minvielle, approving an Invoice from the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana for registration fees for the Annual meeting held on December 4-5, 2013, in the total amount of \$990. (Resolution No. 2014-01)

And the motion was therefore passed on this 9th day of January, 2014.

D. Approval of Invoice #213494 from Berard, Habetz, and Associates in the total amount of \$2,255.

A motion was made by Mr. Frank Minvielle, seconded by Mr. Scott Saunier, approving Invoice #213494 to Berard, Habetz, and Associates in the total amount of \$2,255. (Resolution No. 2014-02)

And the motion was therefore passed on this 9th day of January, 2014.

Mr. James Stein questioned how long will the District be able to continue paying these fees, as the funding for these services is running low. Mr. Stein assured Mr. Berard that his services are not in question, but only where the funds will come from to continue paying for these services.

Upon discussing if Capital Outlay funds could refund the services provided by Berard, Habetz, and Associates, Mr. Stein stated that he would contact Legal Counsel so that this be researched.

- E. Discuss and review Coastal Use Permit Application for Hilcorp Energy Company, Permit Number: P20131745.

Mr. Patrick Broussard stated that this item was placed on the agenda for discussion as an example of what the District should be watching for. He explained that this permit is applying to prop wash through another canal as someone had wanted to prop wash through the Weeks Bay Canal. He encouraged the District members to get involved and start reviewing these applications.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

It was requested that an item be placed on the February agenda so that there be discussions on the creation of a Conservation Task Force.

X. PLANS FOR NEXT MEETING

- February 6, 2014

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Patrick Broussard, seconded by Mr. James Landry, that the District does hereby adjourn.

All members present voted affirmatively and the motion carried unanimously.

I hereby certify the fore going to be exact and true:

Ronald Gonsoulin, Chairman

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