IBERIA PARISH LEVEE, HURRICANE,

AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, November 3, 2016

TIME: Six (6:00) O’Clock P. M.

ATTENDANCE: James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Roy Pontiff, Ronald Gonsoulin, and Scott Ransonet.

ABSENT: Alex Patout III, Lauren Brown, James Landry, Benson Langlinais.

OTHERS: Executive Director Ray Fremin, Jr.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman James Stein called the meeting to order.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 6, 2016

Approval for the minutes of October 6th were inadvertently skipped over.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS

None.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED

 (Comments accepted from the general public)

A motion was made by Mr. Ronald Gonsoulin, seconded by Mr. Patrick Broussard, that the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District does hereby recess its Regular Session and convene into Public Hearing to receive public comments on business to be discussed.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Roy Pontiff, Ronald Gonsoulin, and Scott Ransonet.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Alex Patout III and Lauren Brown, James Landry, Benson Langlinais.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 3rd day of November, 2016.

Upon hearing no comments, a motion was made by Mr. Ronald Gonsoulin, seconded by Mr. Scott Ransonet, that the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District does hereby recess its Public Hearing and reconvene into Regular Session.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Roy Pontiff, Ronald Gonsoulin, and Scott Ransonet.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Alex Patout III and Lauren Brown, James Landry, Benson Langlinais.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 3rd day of November, 2016.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

1. Financial and General , Ray

Executive Director Ray Fremin, Jr. provided the following information:

* Current account balance of $137,933.18
* All bills paid

Mr. Fremin stated he attended a meeting with the six parish group in order to establish a regional drainage process and that the group will start gathering different data from all Parishes.

Mr. Fremin also stated that he is continuing presentations to multiple entities within the District, as well as, Parish Government Boards and Commissions.

Mr. Fremin then stated that a $300,000 Capital Outlay request was made to the State of Louisiana for 2017-2018. He noted that the Port of Iberia has committed a $100,000 match should the request be accepted. He then noted that the Iberia Parish Council committee approved matching funds from GOMESA for the prior year’s request.

Chairman James Stein recognized that he inadvertently skipped over the approval of the minutes of October 6, 2016 and opened the floor to accept a motion for approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Ronald Gonsoulin, seconded by Mr. Roy Pontiff, that the minutes of October 6, 2016 are approved as presented.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Roy Pontiff, Ronald Gonsoulin, and Scott Ransonet.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Alex Patout III and Lauren Brown, James Landry, Benson Langlinais.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 3rd day of November, 2016.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mary Danka engineer with CB&I to give an update on the progress of the Delcambre/Avery Flood Control Structure.

Chairman James Stein requested that said item be deleted as the progress update is not ready to be presented due to missing paperwork from the District, which had been completed earlier today.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss and consider a resolution approving an adjustment to the Iberia Parish Levee Hurricane and Conservation Budget.

A motion was made by Mr. Roy Pontiff, seconded by Mr. Scott Ransonet, that the members of the District hereby discuss New Business Item A which considers an adjustment to the Iberia Parish Levee Hurricane and Conservation Budget.

Mr. Ray Fremin, Jr. presented an updated budget to the members of the District.

A motion was made by Mr. Roy Pontiff, seconded by Mr. Patrick Broussard, that a Resolution be adopted approving an adjustment to the Iberia Parish Levee Hurricane and Conservation Budget, as follows: (Resolution No. 2016-28)

1. Increase Accounting line item from $5000.00 to $6000.00 due to a change in procedure by the legislative auditor which increased the cost of final review.
2. Decrease in office equipment of $250.00 and increase in office supplies by $250.00
3. Increase in payroll expense and taxes from $8000.00 to $26,500.00 due to a typographical error in the original budget presentation.
4. Removed the employee retirement amount which was to go toward a retirement account for employees due to the districts inability to afford such an expense at this time and an account has not been established yet.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Roy Pontiff, Ronald Gonsoulin, and Scott Ransonet.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Alex Patout III and Lauren Brown, James Landry, Benson Langlinais.

And the Resolution was therefore passed on this 3rd day of November, 2016.

1. Discuss Legislative Topics sent to us by Association of Levee Boards related to possible bills which may be filed in the next legislative session.

Mr. Ray Fremin, Jr. directed the members of the District to a sheet entitled Legislative Topics. He explained that the Association of Levee Boards is requesting input from each Levee District in order that a decision can be made on which proposed bills are to be moved forward. Mr. Fremin then reviewed over the proposed bills giving a general description of each.

1. Discuss the recent trip to visit Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District.

Mr. Ray Fremin, Jr. stated that representatives of the Iberia Levee District and Port of Iberia traveled to Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District to meet with the Director and members of the District in order to tour of the District’s facilities. He noted that the District has built $350 million plus in infrastructure and is continuing their efforts into the future.

1. Discuss the creation of a task force to discuss the promotion flood protection education in the parish (this is for discussion only no resolution or action to be taken by the board)

Chairman Stein explained that Terrebonne Levee District created a Task Force of twenty people prior to passing a tax in order to promote the message of the District throughout the Parish. He suggested that each member of the Iberia Levee District return to the Board with two or three individuals who may wish to assist the District in promoting its message. Upon receipt of said names the District would proceed with forming a Task Force for said purpose, and further that the Committee would be separate from the District.

Mr. Patrick Broussard requested that the District expand the agenda in order to send a Resolution of condolences to the family of Mr. Aaren Brown, brother of Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District member Lauren Brown, who passed away on October 28, 2016.

A motion was made by Mr. Patrick Broussard, seconded by Mr. Scott Ransonet that the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District does hereby expand the agenda in order that a Resolution be adopted sending condolences to the family of Mr. Aaren Brown, brother of Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District member Lauren Brown, who passed away on October 28, 2016.

 (Resolution No. 2016-29)

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Roy Pontiff, Ronald Gonsoulin, and Scott Ransonet.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Alex Patout III and Lauren Brown, James Landry, Benson Langlinais.

And the Resolution was therefore passed on this 3rd day of November, 2016.

Executive Director Ray Fremin, Jr. requested that the District expand the agenda in order to approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Iberia Parish Government in order that the District may begin drawing funds from funding set aside by Iberia Parish Government in the amount of $300,000 for the Delcambre Avery Project. He noted that the State of Louisiana has requested $50,000 of said funding.

A motion was made by Mr. Ronald Gonsoulin, seconded by Mr. Scott Ransonet that the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District does hereby expand the agenda in order that a Resolution be adopted accepting a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Iberia Parish Government and further authorizing the Chairman of the District to execute said agreement in order to proceed with the first $50,000 draw of $300,000 committed by Iberia Parish Government for the Delcambre Avery Canal. (Resolution No. 2016-30)

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Roy Pontiff, Ronald Gonsoulin, and Scott Ransonet.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Alex Patout III and Lauren Brown, James Landry, Benson Langlinais.

And the Resolution was therefore passed on this 3rd day of November, 2016.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

December 1, 2016

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Ronald Gonsoulin, seconded by Mr. Patrick Broussard, 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:

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Ray Fremin, Jr., Executive Director

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