

IBERIA PARISH LEVEE, HURRICANE, AND CONSERVATION  
DISTRICT MINUTES

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DATE: Thursday, November 6, 2014

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

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

ABSENT: Alfred "Todd" Landry.

OTHERS: Earl Landry - Chenier Plain Levee District, Randy Moertle, Stan Aucoin and Pat Landry - CPRA, Oneil Malbrough - CBI, Inc., Mike Pugh and Ralph Liberstat - Royal Engineers and Consultants, LLC, and Prescott Marshall and Norma Hebert - E911.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- September 4, 2014

A motion was made by Mr. James Landry, seconded by Mr. Frank Minvielle, that the minutes of the September 4, 2014 Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District meetings be approved.

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

YEAS: James Landry, Frank Minvielle, James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Benson Langlinais, Ronald Gonsoulin, Carol Bourgeois, Jr., and Scott Saunier.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Alfred "Todd" Landry.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 6th day of November, 2014.

IV. PERSONS TO ADDRESS

A. Homeland Security Director Prescott Marshall to discuss Hazard Mitigation funding.

Mr. Prescott Marshall stated that he would like to provide an update on the relationship between the Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Districts activities. He explained that the Parish is currently working on updating its Hazard Mitigation Plan, which is required by FEMA every five years. He further explained that if the Parish were to have an updated Hazard Mitigation Plan, approved by FEMA, it makes the Parish eligible for post disaster Hazard Mitigation funding.

Mr. Marshall stated that he has included flooding concerns related to subsidence within the Hazard Mitigation Plan. He then stated that he consulted with Chairman Gonsoulin and will be including the Iberia Parish Levee District's Master Plan and the Delcambre-Avery Canal flood gates within the Hazard Mitigation Plan. He noted that

the Hazard Mitigation Plan is to be approved in March.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED

No Comments received.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Updates:

- RESTORE Act Grant;

Chairman Gonsoulin stated that Iberia Parish Government is set to receive the first pool of funding in the amount of \$330,000 from the RESTORE Act Grant, which is to be used at the discretion of the Parish. Mr. Gonsoulin then stated that members of the District were contacted by Iberia Parish Government, Administration, whom they met with in regards to Administration's recommendation of forwarding the \$330,000 in Restore Act funds to the District. Mr. Gonsoulin explained that he provided the Administration with a status of current project(s) and explained that the Delcambre-Avery Canal Project is short of approximately \$220,000 in funding. Upon the conclusion of this meeting, Administration informed him that they would request the Iberia Parish Council to appropriate the \$330,000 to the District for the Delcambre Avery Canal Project.

Chairman Gonsoulin then requested that the members of the District review a draft Resolution in regards to the allocation of \$330,000 to fund the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) project of the Delcambre-Avery Canal Project. He then requested that a motion be entertained to adopt said Resolution.

A motion was made by Mr. James Stein, seconded by Mr. Scott Saunier, that a Resolution be adopted requesting Iberia Parish Government to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District for the RESTORE Act Funding, Direct Component allocation of approximately \$330,000 to fund the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) project of the Delcambre-Avery Canal Project (Resolution No. 2014-15).

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

YEAS: James Landry, Frank Minvielle, James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Benson Langlinais, Ronald Gonsoulin, Carol Bourgeois, Jr., and Scott Saunier.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Alfred "Todd" Landry.

And the Resolution was therefore passed on this 6th day of November, 2014.

It was then stated that proper forms will need to be filled out and returned to Iberia Parish Government Administration for further processing.

- Recommendation for the hiring of a part-time Director, (Resolution No. 2014-12);

A motion was made by Mr. James Stein, seconded by Mr. Scott Saunier, that the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District does hereby table recommending the hiring of a part-time Director as this time, due to lack of confirmed funding from appointing entities. (Resolution No. 2014-12)

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

YEAS: James Landry, Frank Minvielle, James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Benson Langlinois, Ronald Gonsoulin, Carol Bourgeois, Jr., and Scott Saunier.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Alfred "Todd" Landry.

And the motion to table was therefore passed on this 6th day of November, 2014.

Mr. Carol Bourgeois, Jr. questioned how many applications were submitted for the position of the part-time Director. It was stated that there were five applicants, with one person missing the deadline and one person removing their application, thus leaving three applicants who were interviewed. Upon further questioning, it was stated that a recommendation is not to be made publically at this time, as there is still a lack of funding, and further that some of the applicants requested that the District refrain from revealing their names at this time.

- Submission for NOAA's Ecological Effects of Sea Level Rise Program;

Mr. Benson Langlinois stated that this grant totals approximately \$4 million dollars and that he will continue to review the program requirements so that the District may apply for funding. Mr. Langlinois then confirmed that the District is not ready to pursue the application at this time.

- The execution of an agreement with Royal Engineers & Consultants, LLC;

Chairman Gonsoulin stated that the agreement was forwarded to Mr. James Lee with Facility Planning and Control for final review, and he is waiting on a response from him. He noted that upon approval by Mr. Lee, there will be a public signing to execute all necessary documentation.

- Tax ID application and the creation of a bank account;

Chairman Gonsoulin stated that the District has received its Tax ID number from the Office of Internal Revenues Services. He then stated that a banking account was opened today with IberiaBank and is in the process of finalizing signatures on the account.

- CPRA Funding request of \$50,000; and

It was requested that Mr. Pat Landry arrange a meeting with the project managers for the Delcambre-Avery Canal Project and the Bayou Tigre Project along with Vermilion Parish Officials and members of the Iberia Levee District, so that all documentation is consistent between the two structures.

- The By-Laws Task Force to present proposed by-laws.

Mr. Patrick Broussard stated that he reviewed the by-laws of several surrounding Levee Districts and was able to tailor a proposed set of by-laws for the Iberia Parish Levee District.

Mr. Broussard reviewed highlighted sections of the proposed by-laws and requested that all members of the District review and submit any suggestions and/or changes, in order that a final set of by-laws can be adopted at the December meeting, pending review and approval by legal counsel.

Several members of the District presented a few questions and made comments upon reviewing the proposed by-laws.

Mr. Carol Bourgeois exited the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Mr. Carol Bourgeois re-entered the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

#### VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discuss and consider sending a letter to the Iberia Parish Council requesting funding assistance in the amount of \$50,000 for operations of the Iberia Parish Levee District.

Chairman Gonsoulin stated that the District was going to make a request to the Iberia Parish Council to fund the hiring of a Director and the startup of an office in the amount of \$50,000. He explained that at the Monday, November 3rd Special Finance Committee Meeting, members of the Committee suggested that the Parish Council dedicate \$75,000 to the District and further requested that the Port of Iberia and City of New Iberia each dedicate \$75,000 to the Levee District. Chairman Gonsoulin then suggested that a motion be made offering a letter of support in favor of the Special Finance Committees recommendation on funding the Levee District \$75,000.

A motion was made by Mr. James Stein, seconded by Mr. Pat Broussard that a letter be issued to the Iberia Parish Council supporting the Special Finance Committee's recommendation of \$75,000 for operations of the Iberia Parish Levee District.

Chairman Gonsoulin then opened the floor for discussion.

Upon discussion and concerns expressed by members of the District, it was agreed by general consensus that no letter would be issued to the Iberia Parish Council, hence the District would not interfere with the requests made by Special Finance Committee.

#### VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

No announcements were made.

#### IX. PLANS FOR NEXT MEETING

- December 4, 2014

#### X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Carol Bourgeois, Jr., seconded by Mr. Scott Saunier, 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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Ronald Gonsoulin, Chairman

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