

IBERIA PARISH LEVEE, HURRICANE, AND CONSERVATION
DISTRICT REPORT

DATE: Thursday, March 1, 2012

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

ATTENDANCE: Ronnie Gonsoulin, James Stein, James Landry, Alfred "Todd" Landry, Frank Minvielle, Ben Langlinais, and Scott Saunier.

ABSENT: Ronald Hebert, Jr. and William Patout.

OTHERS: Marty Trahan - District 13 Councilman, Rickey Broulliette and Karem Belhajaldi - Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, John Charpentier and Marc Berard - Berard, Habetz, and Associates, Joel Dugas - CAO Iberia Parish, Rick Patout - Promotional Images, Roy Pontiff - Port Director, Jacques Cousin - Legal Counsel.

I. ROLL CALL

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. James Stein, seconded by Mr. Frank Minvielle, that the minutes of the February 2, 2012 Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District be approved.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 1st day of March, 2012.

II. ACTIONS TO BE DISCUSSED

A. Karim Belhajaldi - State Master Plan Status

Mr. Belhajaldi with the Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration came forth to present an overview of the State Master Plan. He stated that the Louisiana Legislature requires a State Master Plan every five years and that his office also produces an annual plan which indicates their spending and upcoming projects.

He explained that the 2012 State Master Plan has many similarities and builds on the 2007 State Master Plan. The 2012 Plan places dollar figures on projects and develops some of the concepts that were put forth in the 2007 Master Plan. He stated that many of the objectives are carried forward to the 2012 Plan, such as; flood protection and promoting a natural eco-system, maintaining and protecting coastal habitats to support the commercial and recreational activities, and Louisiana's unique heritage and culture. The two main goal of this plan are to reduce risk and building as much land as possible. He noted that the Plan entails a level of protection for every coastal community.

Mr. Belhajaldi stated that many individuals were involved in this process, and since the plan started his office has conducted several Parish and Civic group briefings. He stated that they recently completed their public meetings last month with over seven-hundred fifty-seven citizens attending. He reminded the District members that this is only a draft plan and based on public comments it is possible that things may shift in the plan before the final document is presented to the Legislature on March 26th.

A motion was made by Mr. Ben Langlinais, seconded by Mr. Alfred "Todd" Landry supporting the State Master Plan and the improvements made to it, as well as, restricting the cross section of South West Pass.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 1st day of March, 2012.

B. Rick Patout - Promotional Images

Mr. Marc Berard introduced Mr. Rick Patout of Promotional Images stating that his services would be a benefit to the District in regards to voice over recording and additional services, as well as, his suggestions that may be of interest to the Board.

Mr. Patout proceeded to explain that with this information being presented to the public, any lack of information not filled by the District will be filled negatively by anyone who is against the plan. He noted that sometimes change in this Parish is difficult to accomplish. He stated that if the Master Plan includes the District passing a tax and requires public endorsement then this needs to be advertised as part of the plan. He advised the Board to thoroughly explain their endeavors and express what will benefit the public, therefore when the public casts their vote the success rate will be higher. He reminded the members that all information being provided to the public needs to be consistent until election day. He further provided tips on voice over recording and PowerPoint presentations. Mr. Patout handed out examples of possibilities of a logo design and brochures to the District. He also provided the District with a disc of their presentation which he enhanced with emotional appeal, etc. as pro bono to the District.

C. Review of presentation given to the City of Jeanerette.

Mr. Gonsoulin stated that he along with Mr. Jimmy Landry, Mr. Frank Minvielle, Mr. James Stein, Mr. Marc Berard, and Mr. John Chapentier attended the City of Jeanerette meeting for the Levee District presentation.

Several members commented that the presentation went well and that there were several requests for additional presentations by individuals in the audience.

D. Approval of invoice #212014 to Berard, Habetz, and Associates.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Saunier, seconded by Mr. James Landry approving payment of invoice #212014 in the amount of \$2,600.00 to Berard, Habetz, and Associates.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 1st day of March, 2012.

E. Review of Vermilion/Iberia Parish Meeting.

Mr. Gonsoulin stated that he, along with Councilman Marty Trahan, Mr. James Stein, Mr. Marc Berard and Parish Council Chairman Bernard Broussard attended a meeting with Vermilion Parish Officials. He stated that Vermilion Parish called for a meeting to seek information on the Iberia Parish Levee Alignment, specifically on the western edge of the Parish in order to see how the alignments would meet.

F. Updates on Levee Master Plan

Mr. Gonsoulin stated that in conversation with Mr. Harold Osborn, the Mcilhenny's do not want any levees constructed on their property. They prefer that the District place any levee(s) on Hayes Road. He stated that he would like to re-visit with Mr. Osborn to further discuss and determine if some medium ground can be reached.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Gonsoulin informed the members that there will be a training session for Levee District members in Baton Rouge on May 3rd and 4th. He reminded the members that each member is required to attend one training session throughout their term of serving on the Board. Mr. Scott Saunier, Mr. Frank Minvielle, and Mr. Alfred "Todd" Landry requested that they be registered for the seminar.

Mr. Gonsoulin reminded the members that the District will be conducting two public presentations, (1) to the Iberia Chamber of Commerce on March 6th and (2) to the Iberia Parish School Board on March 7th.

A motion was made by Mr. James Stein, seconded by Mr. Alfred "Todd" Landry approving payment of invoice #1204741-R8-00511 in the amount of \$26,250.00 to Shaw.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 1st day of March, 2012.

Chairman Gonsoulin stated that there is a remaining budgeted balance of \$8,750.00 with Shaw for remaining tasks to be completed by Shaw, which includes conducting two public meetings to gather input on the levee alignment and layout as well as incorporating any revisions and changes based on the outcome of these meetings.

Chairman Gonsoulin stated that the next meeting of the District will be held on Thursday, April 5, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

IV. ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Scott Saunier, seconded by Mr. Frank Minvielle, 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:

Ronnie Gonsoulin, Chairman