

IBERIA PARISH LEVEE, HURRICANE, AND CONSERVATION  
DISTRICT REPORT

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DATE: Thursday, September 8, 2011

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

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

ABSENT: Ronald Hebert, Jr.

OTHERS: Marc Berard - Berard, Habetz, & Associates, Oneil Malbrough and Glenn Leday - Shaw Group, Inc., Rickey Brouillette - La. Office of Coastal Restoration and Protection, and Jacques Cousin - Legal Counsel.

I. ROLL CALL

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. William Patout, seconded by Mr. Ben Langlinais, that the minutes of the August 11, 2011 Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District be approved.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2011.

II. ACTIONS TO BE DISCUSSED

A. Discuss completion of PowerPoint presentations.

1. General Public Questions and Answers.

Mr. Oneil Malbrough stated that no comments were received from the Board on the Questions and Answers document. Mr. Malbrough presented a bound document and a disc of a PowerPoint presentation to the Board for the final presentation. He advised that if any changes need to be done to the document, please contact him.

Mr. Malbrough also stated that Shaw's lawyer has made some changes to the contract and the lawyers will be conferring on that effort. He stated that the contract has three Phases and tonight he has delivered the deliverable for Phase 1. He noted that some things were adjusted as well as the addition of a navigable structure in the Patout Canal. From here Phase 2 will be started, consisting of developing a cost estimate.

B. Review the initial cost of the levee and structures.

Mr. Malbrough stated that at the request of the Chairman, he has developed a ball park figure for a cost estimate for the levee and structures for Iberia Parish. His calculations are based on an estimate of a FEMA surge of eleven feet, assuming that the levee would be built two feet higher, totaling a thirteen foot levee. Other assumed specifications are as follows: two 200 foot gates at \$70 million, a 20 foot flood gate at \$8 million, small non-navigable structures for ditches at \$1 million and a 25% contingency per structure, and large non-navigable structures at \$4.4 million per structure. Reach 1 costing approximately \$134 million for 62,702 feet of levee, which includes \$20 million for

improvements to the pump system and drainage to the levee and Reach 2 costing approximately \$77 million. A grand total of completion for Reach 1 and 2 would be approximately \$211 million, with an estimate of \$25 million worth of error. In conclusion, this is just an estimate and an accurate cost estimate will be provided based on real jobs, elevations, lidar work, etc.

Mr. Jacques Cousin entered the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Ben Langlinois questioned at what point does the District apply for a permit. Mr. Malbrough stated that it is a lengthy process, at least a year or two. He suggested that the District start the permit process as soon as the District knows where it wants to construct the levee.

Mr. Malbrough presented a document for the Chairman to sign, which states that Shaw Group, Inc. has delivered twelve copies of the Conceptual Layout of the Levee Alignment to the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District for Phase 1.

## 2. Information for Governmental bodies.

Mr. Gonsoulin stated that due to discussions regarding funds for the District, he deems it imperative that the Board deliver the PowerPoint presentation to the Iberia Parish Council. He stated that the Council will soon be starting their 2012 budget process and they should be informed of where the District is heading with their endeavors.

Mr. Gonsoulin advised that all Board members mark their calendars, in order to be present when the presentation is made to the Council on Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Mr. Gonsoulin stated that between himself, Mr. Marc Berard, Mr. Jimmy Landry, and Mr. Ben Langlinois, they will refine the Presentation before Wednesday's presentation to the Council.

Mr. Langlinois suggested that the Mission Statement needs adjusting. He stated that the old mission statement by the Advisory Committee states to 'establish a plan'. He recommended that the verbiage be tweaked to say to 'implement a plan'.

Mr. Marc Berard suggested providing a hard copy of the entire Presentation to the Council and refining the slide presentation to a timely manner for the meeting.

### C. Approval of Invoice #211344 to Berard, Habetz & Associates, Inc.

A motion was made by Mr. James Landry, seconded by Mr. Frank Minivielle, to pay Invoice #211344 in the amount of \$1,685.00 to Berard, Habetz, & Associates.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2011.

### D. Discuss the 2012 Budget for the District.

Mr. Gonsoulin stated that, as the Chairman, the workload for the District is increasing as he is being asked to attend numerous meetings and follows-ups to gather information. Mr. Gonsoulin noted that all this is very timely, and at some point in time it will require someone to do this on a full-time basis. Mr. Gonsoulin suggested that the District entertain the possibility of sharing a

director/employee with another Parish. The Board agreed that the work load will be increasing once the District starts applying for grants and obtaining rights-of-way's.

Mr. Scott Saunier suggested that a Subcommittee be created in order to discuss these ideas and issues further. This would allow the District to discuss several things, such as: (a) getting their operating budget in order, (b) educating themselves on the obstacles of a possible tax election, (c) figuring out the expenditures for the upcoming year, and (d) the possibility of hiring an employee and the process to select this person.

It was determined that a Special Finance Subcommittee be formed, with Chairman Gonsoulin serving with, Mr. Scott Saunier, Mr. James Stein, and Mr. James Landry. The Special Finance Subcommittee meeting will be held on Thursday, September 15th at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of Berard, Habetz, and Associates located at 117 Iberia Street.

### III. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Jacques Cousin reminded the Board that a Subcommittee is a public meeting and that a notice and an agenda will have to be sent out twenty-four hours in advance to the news media, etc.

Chairman Gonsoulin stated that the next meeting of the District will be held on Thursday, October 13, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

### IV. ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Alfred "Todd" Landry, 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:

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Ronnie Gonsoulin, Chairman