

IBERIA PARISH LEVEE, HURRICANE, AND CONSERVATION  
DISTRICT REPORT

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DATE: Wednesday, November 7, 2012

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

ATTENDANCE: Ronnie Gonsoulin, Frank Minvielle, James Stein, James Landry, Alfred "Todd" Landry, Ben Langlinais, and Ronald Hebert, Jr.

ABSENT: Scott Saunier and William Patout.

OTHERS: Marty Trahan - Councilman, Pat Broussard, Oneil Malbrough - Shaw, Rick Patout - Promotional Images, Marc Berard - Berard, Habetz, & Associates, and Jeff Zeringue - The Daily Iberian.

I. ROLL CALL

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Frank Minvielle, seconded by Mr. Alfred "Todd" Landry, that the minutes of the October 4, 2012 Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District be approved.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 7th day of November, 2012.

II. ACTIONS TO BE DISCUSSED

A. Approval of Invoices #212564 and #212584 to Berard, Habetz, and Associates in the total amount of \$2,867.50.

A motion was made by Mr. James Stein, seconded by Mr. James Landry approving payment of Invoices #212564 and #212584 in the total amount of \$2,867.50 to Berard, Habetz, and Associates.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 7th day of November, 2012.

B. Approval of travel expenses for four District members and one Engineer, attending the 72nd Annual Meeting of the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana, December 5-6, 2012, at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel, all at a total estimated cost of \$2,531.80.

A motion was made by Mr. Frank Minvielle, seconded by Mr. Alfred "Todd" Landry approving payment of travel expenses for four District members and one Engineer, attending the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana, December 5-6, 2012, at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel, all at a total estimated cost of \$2,531.80.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 7th day of November, 2012.

C. Discussion on Capital Outlay Funding.

Chairman Gonsoulin stated that the application for Capital Outlay Funding for FY 2013-2014 was submitted for a total of \$500,000.

D. Preliminary discussion on a proposed tax election.

Chairman Gonsoulin also stated that the Town Hall Meeting scheduled for tomorrow with Parish President Errol Romero has been cancelled. He noted that there was insufficient promotion of the meeting, therefore he made the decision to cancel the meeting.

Chairman Gonsoulin stated that he had a meeting with Mr. Jason Akers, Mr. Marc Berard, Mr. Scott Saunier, Representative Simone Champagne, and Mr. Rick Patout. He provided a handout for the District members illustrating the sequence of events that need to take place in order to call a tax election for April 6, 2013. In reviewing the document he explained that on November 28, 2012 the Parish Council will have to introduce an Ordinance creating a Sales Tax District. On December 6, 2012, the Levee District will call a millage and request the Parish Council to take action on a Sales Tax Election, etc. He noted that the election would cost approximately \$84,000.

Mr. Ben Langlinois entered the meeting at in 6:21 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. James Stein, second by Mr. Jimmy Landry requesting that the Iberia Parish Council introduce an Ordinance creating a Sales Tax District for the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 7th day of November, 2012.

A motion was made by Mr. James Stein, seconded by Mr. Jimmy Landry, requesting that the Iberia Parish Council designate April 6, 2013 as the election date for a millage and sales tax for the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 7th day of November, 2012.

A motion was made by Mr. Ronald Hebert, Jr., seconded by Mr. Ben Langlinois requesting that the Iberia Parish Council fund the cost of an election for the Iberia Parish, Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District at an approximate cost of \$80,000, as the District makes the election call.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 7th day of November, 2012.

Mr. Rick Patout advised the members that at its December meeting they need to discuss their strategy for the upcoming months and that they need to find funding to do so. He further provided several words of advice in promoting the election and how to handle individuals in opposition of such election. He suggested that come January the members get a general idea of the populations thoughts. From that point, it'll give you an idea of what you need to budget and what you have to do between that point and the election date. It was discussed that a website be created in order to conduct an informal poll. Mr. Patout advised the members that they would need staff to handle this website to answer such questions.

Mr. Oneil Malbrough suggested that the District gain the interest of an outside agency, such as the Chamber of Commerce, etc., which could possibly provide voluntary assistance to the District and attract positive interest and attention to such efforts. He noted that having an outside agency or organization vest an interest in these efforts will help push it along.

The members further discussed possible avenues of seeking

assistance to promote such election, etc.

Councilman Marty Trahan requested that the District's budget be reviewed and that additional funds of \$30,000 be possibly allocated for advertising of the election.

Chairman Gonsoulin questioned Mr. Patout if Promotional Images could handle operating the website and answer questions on behalf of the District in regards to the election. He stated yes, but there would need to be some sort of agreement on how the questions would be answered, as he is not in the position to answer these questions correctly.

### III. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Gonsoulin reminded the District members that there will be a presentation made to the Realtor's Association at Landry's Seafood tomorrow at 11:30 a.m. The Association is comprised of approximately twenty-five individuals.

Mr. Ronald Hebert, Jr. stated that there will be a meeting at the Jeanerette Chamber Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> and that the District is invited to make a presentation.

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

### IV. ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Frank Minvielle seconded by Mr. James Stein, 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