

IBERIA PARISH LEVEE, HURRICANE, AND CONSERVATION
DISTRICT SPECIAL MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, August 8, 2013

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

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

ABSENT: Alfred "Todd" Landry.

OTHERS: Stan Aucoin, Gene Sellers - Sellers & Associates, Oneil Malbrough & Glenn Ledet - Shaw, Bill Stiles, Ralph Liberstat, and Marc Berard & John Charpentier - Berard, Habetz, & Associates.

I. ROLL CALL

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- July 17, 2013

A motion was made by Mr. Jimmy Landry, seconded by Mr. Frank Minvielle, that the minutes of the July 17, 2013 Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District meeting be approved.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 8th day of August, 2013.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Oneil Malbrough presented a document entitled an Analysis of Four Closure Structures in Iberia and Vermilion Parishes dated March 13, 2013, created by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority. He explained the document has interesting information in regards to floodgates. Mr. Malbrough presented several ideas in regards to joining forces with Vermilion Parish and applying for a permit in order that projects begin. Mr. Malbrough suggested appointing a task force to initiate discussions with Vermilion Parish officials.

Mr. Scott Saunier stated that would like to make a motion to initiate a three person task force.

Mr. James Stein suggested prior to creating a task force, modeling should be done to show how the Iberia Levee would impact Avery Island. With much deliberation on which way to proceed, Mr. Marc Berard suggested the District make a request to CPRA for said modeling.

A motion was made by Mr. Ronald Hebert, seconded by Mr. Jimmy Landry, requesting the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority to provide modeling results on the projected impact to Avery Island created by 1) the installation of the Iberia Parish Levee District Master Plan from the Vermilion Parish line to the St. Mary Parish line and 2) Segment "A", Levee and Floodgates (Bayou Tigre and Delcambre Canal) from Hwy. 330 in Vermilion Parish to the Farm Levee east of the Delcambre Canal.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 8th day of August,

2013.

It was suggested the request be sent to Mr. Ricky Brouillette and the Iberia Parish Legislative Delegation.

IV. ACTIONS TO BE DISCUSSED

- A. Discussion of a possible announcement of a millage election to be held on November 16, 2013.

Chairman Gonsoulin explained, in recent events a few Parish Councilman have projected to redirect \$1.25 - \$1.5 million from the library tax and \$1 - \$1.2 million from the mosquito control tax, both respective groups having a surplus. He stated this would give the District about \$2-2.5 million in funding a year, affording us the opportunity of not increasing millages, but only rededicating funds. He noted that this opportunity would have to go before the voters on the November 16th election. He further explained, the Iberia Parish Council Committee supported to publicize a Notice of Public Hearing and move the rededication item forward to the September 11th Iberia Parish Council meeting for a final vote to then be placed on the November 16th ballot. He stated that this potential rededication would give the District a source of funding, pending the November 16th election.

Mr. James Stein stated that Mr. Herff Jones contacted him with requests to address the District. He noted that Mr. Jones is neither for nor against the rededication, but would like the opportunity to explain what it takes to run the Mosquito Abatement District.

Mr. Scott Saunier exited the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

District members then discussed the possibility of proposing a 5 mill ad valorem tax. With much deliberation on which way to proceed, the members decided that a Notice of Public Hearing should be published should they decide to propose a millage election on September 12th.

A motion was made by Mr. James Stein, seconded by Mr. Patrick Broussard, that a Notice of Public Hearing be advertised in the Official Journal, which states, notice is hereby given that the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane and Conservation District (the "District") plans to consider a resolution authorizing an ad valorem tax election to be held within the District at its meeting on September 12, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers, 4th Floor Main Courthouse Building, 301 S. Iberia Street, New Iberia, Louisiana.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 8th day of August, 2013.

- B. Review email correspondence from Facility Planning and Control regarding the Capital Outlay Grant.

Chairman Gonsoulin reviewed an email received by Mr. Jim Lee of Facility Planning and Control. He stated the District needs to proceed with a project and make use of the funds prior to year end.

A motion was made by Mr. Jimmy Landry, seconded by Mr. James Stein, creating a task force consisting of James Stein, Ben Langlinois, Ronald Gonsoulin, and Ronald Hebert, Jr., to discuss Levee District projects and hold discussions with residents.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 8th day of August,

2013.

It was then discussed that the Iberia Parish Council will soon be entering into its budget process. It was suggested that a motion should be entertained requesting funds from the Iberia Parish Council for the continuation of Levee District operations.

A motion was made by Mr. James Stein, seconded by Mr. Jimmy Landry requesting the Iberia Parish Council to allocate \$250,000 of operational funding during the 2013 budget process, to the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District, in order that the District may proceed with routine operations.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 8th day of August, 2013.

C. Review of Grand Marais Community Development Meeting.

Mr. Ben Langlinois stated the Grand Marais meeting went well, and the crowd provided positive feedback and support.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Jimmy Landry announced that on Tuesday, August 13th at 7:30 a.m. the Greater Iberia Chamber of Commerce will be holding "Eggs and Issues" at the Ramada Inn. Discussions will be held on the Biggert Waters Act.

Mr. Ronald Hebert, Jr. stated that Ms. Rachel Segura with the Realtors Association has requested that the District make a presentation to the Association. He questioned if the slide presentation needs to be updated. Mr. Marc Berard stated that his office can handle updating the presentation.

VI. PLANS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Thursday, September 5, 2013
- Thursday, September 12, 2013

Mr. Jimmy Landry stated that Mr. Richard Benton with FEMA will be attending the September 5th meeting to discuss the Biggert Waters Act.

Chairman Gonsoulin announced that there will be a Special Levee District meeting to be held on September 12th in order that there be discussions on the possible proposals of a millage tax for the November ballot. He also informed every one of the possibility that the September 5th meeting may be cancelled and that agenda items be moved to the September 12th Special meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Ronald Hebert, Jr., 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:

Ronald Gonsoulin, Chairman

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