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A Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District was held at the Office of the Board in Port Allen, Louisiana at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 6, 2011. President John Grezaffi called the meeting to order. Mrs. Janice Jarreau called the roll. The following members were present:

COMMISSIONER PARISH

Glenn Angelle Iberia

Gerald Alexander Ascension

Cory Chustz West Baton Rouge

Bill Flynn West Baton Rouge

John Grezaffi Pointe Coupee

Daniel Hebert Iberville

Karen Jewell Iberville

Moise LeBlanc St. Martin

Gerald LeGrand St. Martin

Harry Marionneaux Iberville

Barry Soileau St. Landry

Absent:

Stephen Juge Pointe Coupee

Earl Matherne Assumption

Also Present:

INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING

Ted Eilts U.S. Corps of Engineers

Rick Dugas OCPR

Bruce Guidry Levee Board Police Captain

Mark Saucier Levee Maintenance Supt.

David Patin Levee Foreman B

Kristy Marcantel Human Resources Analyst

Peggy McCutcheon Accounting Technician

Janice Jarreau Administrative Program Manager

Crissi Canezaro Administrative Coordinator

Will Tyson Executive Director

Steve Marionneaux Levee Board Attorney

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The commissioners reviewed the minutes of the Board Meeting held June 1, 2011. Mr. Will Tyson advised the Board that the bids for fuel, aggregates, and the Official Journal were reviewed by the staff, and everything is in order.

Commissioner Barry Soileau moved, seconded by Commissioner Gerald LeGrand and unanimously carried to accept the low bid for fuel.

Commissioner Karen Jewell moved, seconded by Commissioner Glenn Angelle and unanimously carried to accept the low bid for the Official Journal.

Commissioner Harry Marionneaux, moved, seconded by Commissioner Karen Jewell and unanimously carried that the minutes of the June 1, 2011 board meeting be adopted, and that they be published in the Official Journal of this Board.

Commissioner Harry Marionneaux moved, seconded by Commissioner Gerald LeGrand and unanimously carried to accept the low bid for aggregates.

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Mr. Ted Eilts of the Corps of Engineers addressed the board. He said that they are now out of Phase I Flood Fight. The Corps is still monitoring the river to make sure there are no levee slides as the river continues to fall. They are still watching Morganza to drain the forebay. Red River Landing is currently at 45 feet. He said we are now out of Flood Fight, but we are monitoring river stabilization. Mr. Eilts answered several questions from the Commissioners concerning the river levels and how it effected Morganza. Mr. Glenn Angelle expressed thanks to the Corps of Engineers for opening the Morgana structure.

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A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Commissioners for the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District was held on Wednesday June 8, 2011, at the Board Office in Port Allen, Louisiana. Chairman Steve Juge called the meeting to order. The following members were present:

Steve Juge, Chairman

Daniel Hebert, 1st Vice Chairman

Harry Marionneaux, 2nd Vice Chairman

Moise LeBlanc, Member

Barry Soileau, Member

Bill Flynn, Ex-Officio Chair

John Grezaffi, Ex-Officio Chair

Absent: None

Also Present:

Commissioner Gerald Alexander

Commissioner Glenn Angelle

Bruce Guidry, Levee Board Police Captain

Janice Jarreau, Administrative Program Manager

Kristy Marcantel, Human Resource Analyst

Peggy McCutcheon, Accounting Technician

Richard Sparks, Levee Board Operations Supt.

Cecil Tessier, Assistant Executive Director

William Tyson, Executive Director, Levee Board

Steve Marionneaux, Levee Board Attorney

1. Request from Mr. David Allemond to discuss the entrance ramp to McGee=s Landing - Mr. David Allemond was unable to be present at the meeting. He is requesting permission to hard surface the entrance ramp to McGee’s Landing. Commissioner Juge asked if any other ramps in the area were hard surfaced. Captain Bruce Guidry advised that this would be the first one. Commissioner Juge stated that if this is approved, we would not have to maintain the ramp. Mr. Tyson advised that hard surfacing was a good thing to do. Motion by Commissioner Soileau, seconded by Commissioner Marionneaux and unanimously carried, to approve Mr. Allemond’s request based on Mr. Tyson’s

recommendations.

2. High water update - Mr. Will Tyson advised the committee that three gates are still open at the Morganza Spillway. He stated that the river is falling and it should be at 39’ in Baton Rouge by Friday. It is looking much better on the Baton Rouge gauge. The river should be dropping into the mid 30’s by the end of next week. He stated that the Corps of Engineers might allow one gate to remain open to allow the forebay to drain. One of the commissioners asked Mr. Tyson if the recent rains around the Missouri River will affect us here. Mr. Tyson said he did not expect it to, as the river has dropped substantially between Natchez and Cairo. However, we will continue to watch developments.

3. Approval of ALBL Workshop Registration Fees - Motion by Commissioner Hebert,

seconded by Commissioner LeBlanc, and unanimously carried to approve the fees

for the ALBL workshop that was held in Baton Rouge in May, 2011.

4. Approval of Mississippi Valley Flood Control Annual Dues – Motion by Commissioner Marionneaux, seconded by Commissioner Soileau, and unanimously carried to approve payment of the annual Mississippi Valley Flood Control annual dues.

5. Discuss an overtime policy - Commissioner Juge reported that we do not currently have an overtime policy. He stated that FEMA looks for this when they reimburse the district. The commissioners reviewed a proposed overtime policy in their packets. Commissioner Marionneaux moved, seconded by Commissioner Soileau, and unanimously carried to approve the proposed overtime policy. Commissioner Juge also advised that in the event we have another emergency, even though the Governor declared an emergency, he feels the Board should also declare an emergency.

There being no further business to come before the committee, upon motion by Commissioner

Bill Flynn, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Steve Juge, Chairman /s/Daniel Hebert, 1st Vice Chairman

/s/Harry Marionneaux, 2nd Vice Chairman /s/Moise LeBlanc, Member

/s/Barry Soileau, Member /s/Bill Flynn, Ex-Officio Chairman

/s/John Grezaffi, Ex-Officio Chairman

Motion by Commissioner Barry Soileau, seconded by Commissioner Glenn Angelle and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2011 Executive Committee.

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Mr. Tyson advised the Board that we spent approximately $843,000.00 during the flood fight. We expect to be reimbursed by FEMA for approximately $632,000.00. This leaves a balance of $210,000.00.

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President John Grezaffi said he was trying to get a date set for a function with our employees to thank them for the work they have done on the flood fight.

He said we also plan to have an Open House for the new building at a later date. He said we are not completed at this time, but we will plan that for the future. We will plan to invite our elected officials to this function.

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Mr. Tyson requested approval to re-bid the fuel for the Stephensville Shop. Motion by Commissioner Glenn Angelle, seconded by Commissioner Cory Chustz and unanimously carried to re-bid the fuel.

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Permission to dispose of the old office furniture by sealed bid process was requested by Mr. Tyson. Attorney Steve Marionneaux advised the Commissioners that a Resolution is needed to declare that the furniture is no longer needed by the district. Commissioner Gerald Alexander moved, seconded by Commissioner Harry Marionneaux and unanimously carried to pass a resolution to declare the furniture is no longer needed and place it for sale using the sealed bid process.

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Mr. Rick Dugas addressed the board to bring them up-to-date on work within his department. Mr. Steve Marionneaux asked if he knew when the repairs to Hwy. 975 should be completed. Mr. Dugas said they had to get the water down further, but it will be rebuilt. Mr. Tyson said the Corps is looking at this also, and we granted a right of entry to go in and survey. Mr. Dugas said he did not have a time for the repair at this time.

Commissioner Gerald LeGrand asked for an update on the matter in St. Martin Parish. Mr. Steve Marionneaux said some of the individuals hired an attorney, and he is no longer able to speak with them directly. They have filed responsive pleadings. Mr. Marionneaux said we counter sued, and we need to establish our ownership rights. He said Mr. Dugas has not filed any response to our filings. Mr. Marionneaux will try to get an update on this and will report at the next meeting. In reference to the land in Pointe Coupee Parish we are trying to sell, Mr. Marionneaux said we are waiting on the maps to determine how to divide the property to sell. President Grezaffi said we will get back on this, since we have completed the high water event.

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There being no further business to appear before the board, upon motion by Commissioner

Moise LeBlanc and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.

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Janice Jarreau, Secretary John Grezaffi, President

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Linda E. Alwood, Contract Stenographer