

**CPRA Conference Room- 401**

**150 Terrace Avenue**

**Baton Rouge, LA 70802**

**September 30, 2018**

**9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

1. Call to Order – Windell Curole – 9:37 a.m.
2. Roll Call - Windell Curole asked secretary, Monica Salins Gorman to call roll based on the parishes/levee districts/authorities:

Present:

Amite River Basin Drainage & Water Conservation District, Dietmar Rietschier

Office of the Governor – Coastal Activities, Charles Sutcliff

North Lafourche, Dwayne Bourgeois

Pontchartrain Levee District, Monica Gorman

South Lafourche, Windell Curole

Authority West, John Monzon

St. Mary, Tim Matte

Terrebonne Parish, Reggie Dupre

Absent:

Atchafalaya Basin Levee District, Will Tyson

Grand Isle Levee District, David Carmardelle

Jefferson Davis

Lafitte Area Independent Levee District

Lafourche Basin Levee District, Donald Ray Henry

Non-Flood Protection Asset Mgmt. Authority

Plaquemines Parish Government

The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans

Authority East, Derek Boese

St. Tammany Levee District, Pat Brister

Guests: Bob Jacobsen, Beau Bourque of RES, Lori LeBlanc of Morganza Action Coalition

1. Approval of Agenda – (no quorum) Dwayne Bourgeois 1st and Dietmar Rietschier 2nd ; no public comment
2. Approval of Minutes – (no quorum) Dwayne Bourgeois 1st and Dietmar Rietschier 2nd ; no public comment
3. The Comite Diversion Canal Project- Dietmar Rietschier Dietmar presented USACE representative Durund Elzey’s power point presentation from the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 Partner’s Leadership Summit dated July 23, 2018. In said presentation there was some brief updates and information specific to the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, hereinafter referred to as BBA-18, as well as, specifics to the $1.4B provided to complete Flood Risk Management projects, namely, Construction projects to be completed in 3-5 years and amounts to be received are as follows:

Comite- $343M Completion of project by mid-calendar year 2022

East Baton Rouge-$255M Completion of project by Summer 2023

Grand Isle-$15M and Completion of project Spring 2021

West Shore Lake Pontchartrain- $760M Completion of project by 2023

Much discussion was had concerning all of these projects and the actual funding sources and responsibilities on the part of the Non-Federal Sponsors (NFS) specific to West Shore Lake Pontchartrain and the requirement of the NFS of $50M for LERRDS.

There were also five (5) ‘Investigations/Studies’ that came out of the BBA-18 to be completed in three (3) years, namely:

Amite River and Tributaries Study- $3M

Upper Barataria Basin Study- $3M

South Central Coastal, LA- $3M

Lake Pontchartrain Levee Lift- $3M

West Bank and Vicinity Levee Lift- $3M

1. Performance of earthen levees for Hurricane Katrina, Windell Curole

Windell discussed many differences in the levees pre Katrina versus post Katrina. Both the MRL and the HPLs are very different levees and are built on very different soils. A levee is an earthen material structure and walls are concrete structures- During Katrina, the ‘walls’ failed, not the levees per Mr. Curole. Discussion was had amongst those present.

1. Standards for earthen levees, Windell Curole

Levees are expensive because of mitigation. The cost of the levee material added to the cost of mitigation increases the costs significantly. Mr. Curole stated that the safety factor is at 1.3 but failures have occurred at .8 in historical data collected. Again, discussion was had but no additional comments.

1. 408 Permissions.

Discussion was had amongst those present.

1. NFIP, Dwayne Bourgeois

Dwayne Bourgeois updated those present concerning the NFIP- National Flood Insurance Program. Congress passed a short term clean, no program modification, reauthorization that takes the program until the end of November 2018. He updated the group about the LFRC, ALBL’s Louisiana Flood Risk Coalition and there many visits and many meetings in D.C., making strides. It seems like only 50% of the people are contributing of the 100% that should be! The Stafford Act should be applied after the 100 year flood! With the political climate in D.C. we could be looking at another short term reauthorization. Attention to NFIP is critical to us all in Louisiana.

1. State Legislation Reggie Dupre and Dwayne Bourgeois

Because 2019 is an election year, there will be a limited number of bills that can be filed and do not look for anything big to happen due to elections. Much discussion was had.

1. Public Comment

Michael Ellison, CPRA Executive Director, joined the group and introduced himself. The group introduced those present and conversation between Director Ellison and members present was had.

1. Adjourn 12:21PM Tim Matte 1st. Dwayne Bourgeois 2nd.

**ATTEST:**

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**Monica Salins Gorman,**

**Secretary**