

## **Minutes – Atchafalaya Basin Program (ABP)**

### **Technical Advisory Group Meeting**

**July 30, 2014**

**Meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by the Chair – Bobby Reed**

**A Roll Call was conducted and showed the following members present and that a quorum was present:**

**Bobby Reed, Glenn Constant, Dr. William Kelso, Dan Kroes, Charles Reulet, and Brac Salyers. Jeff Varisco attended in Place of Melanie Labiche; Shane Miller attended in place of Tom Killeen; and Faran Dietz attended in place of Joey Breaux.**

**Sign-in sheet is attached to document other attendees.**

**A motion to approve the agenda was made by Glenn Constant, seconded by Dr. Kelso, and passed by voice vote of the members.**

**A motion to approve the minutes from the September 4, 2013 meeting was made by Glenn Constant, seconded by Dr. Kelso and was passed by voice vote of the members.**

**A 2014 legislative session summary was given by Don Haydel (ABP)**

**A Buffalo Cove update was given by Steve Roberts and Jeff Varisco. (Corps)**

**Don Haydel gave an update of Atchafalaya Basin Program Projects completed since the last meeting.**

**A discussion of the 2016 Annual Plan was held including the tentative timeline (attached), the project nomination (attached), the possibility of having to provide a cost share for the Log Jam feature of the Buffalo Cove construction; and the proposed process of budget analysis / TAG project prioritization / and Research and Promotion Board approval to allocate funding to projects that can move forward. Don Haydel stated that the East Grand Lake project is still “on**

the table” for possible construction pending final word on landowner cooperation.

The Corps agreed to provide a project summary for the Log Jam Feature (#10) and provide a general update on the Buffalo Cove project to the TAG at its next meeting. The TAG agreed that the next meeting will be scheduled when all information is finalized by the Corps on Buffalo Cove.

Dan Kroes gave a short presentation on his “Enterprise Pipeline Delta Removal” project nomination and it was discussed. Don Haydel agreed to look further into the pipeline blockage at the river, the pipeline’s original permit, and the Corps channel training blockage to determine the design construction dimensions and responsibility.

A motion was made to include the “Enterprise Pipeline Delta Removal Project” in the 2016 Annual Plan by Charles Reulet and seconded by Dr. Kelso.

Discussion was held and a substitute motion to approve inclusion of the “Enterprise Pipeline Delta Removal Project” in the 2016 Annual Plan, contingent on the blockage first being rebuilt, in order to minimize the potential of another delta forming. The substitute motion was seconded by Brac Salyers and passed by voice vote of the members.

Public comments were made by Dean Wilson, asking the Corps personnel about action being taken on the un-named canal blockage to reduce sedimentation in Bayou Boutte, and about using the Phillips Canal as an alternative for access to the Amerada Hess field. The Corps agreed to meet with Dean at a later date to discuss. A comment was made by Charles Caillouet detailing the National Wildlife Federation proposed resolution supporting reallocation of funding to projects that are able to move forward and alternative land use easements and/or outright fee title purchase of lands on which the ABP could construct project features.

No old business was discussed.

For new business, Don Haydel stated that the ABP will be producing a document, “Report on the State of the Atchafalaya Basin Program.” The

**document intends to detail the progress, successes, and problems encountered since the State Master Plan was implemented in 1998.**

**A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Kelso, seconded by Glenn Constant and passed by a voice vote of the members.**

**The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.**

## **2016-01 Nomination for 2016 Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan**

**From: Dan Kroes – USGS**

**The delta forming out of the Enterprise pipeline breach was above water 200 ft away from the shore at elevation +2.5 to 3.5 and extended another 200 ft below water at elevation of -0.5ft NAVD88. The water level was about 2.5 ft on July 16, 2014 on EGL. So it's about half way across the largest channel there. It will shortly bisect the lake, probably by next year depending on flow conditions. The un-impacted lake bottom there was around -5 ft prior to the breach.**

**This delta is a navigational hazard and will result in increased filling rates in the lake north of the delta as flow velocities are reduced or stopped because of the extension of the delta lobe.**

**We suggest that the material deposited in the lake be dredged and placed on the adjacent Attakapas WMA.**

## **Draft FY2016 Atchafalaya Basin Program (ABP)**

### **Annual Basin Plan Timeline**

June 1, 2014 - Project Nomination Deadline (one project nomination was received)

July 30, 2014 - TAG meeting for Corps Buffalo Cove status report and to discuss 2016 Annual Plan path forward (one nomination plus re-allocating funding from projects that cannot proceed to projects that can proceed.)

July 31, 2014 - R&P Board meeting to discuss 2016 Annual Plan path forward (primarily re-allocating funding from projects that cannot proceed to projects that can proceed)

September 18, 2014 - TAG meeting to prioritize projects that can proceed

September 24, 2014 -R&P Board meeting to approve budget re-allocations for projects that can proceed and approve the draft 2016 Annual Plan for public meetings

November 4-6, 2014 - Public Meetings to Present FY2016 Annual Basin Plan

December 3, 2014 - R & P Board Meeting to Discuss Comments and Approve Final Draft Plan to send to CPRA

December 2014 - Present Final Draft Annual Plan to CPRA

January 2015 - CPRA Approval

February 2015 - R & P Board Meeting to Approve Any Changes to the Plan made by CPRA

03/12/2015 - Submit FY 2016 Annual Plan to Legislature

04/13/2015 - Legislative Session Begins



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