

IBERIA PARISH LEVEE, HURRICANE, AND CONSERVATION
DISTRICT MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, November 7, 2013

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

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

ABSENT: Frank Minvielle, Alfred "Todd" Landry, and Scott Saunier.

OTHERS: Natalie Peyronnin - CPRA, Councilman Marty Trahan, Todd Vincent - Sellers and Associates, Pat Landry - CPRA, Bill Stiles, Irving Vaughn, Marc Berard - Berard, Habetz, & Associates, Oneil Malbrough & Glenn Ledet - Shaw, Representative Simone Champagne, Ralph Liberstat, Mike Pugh, Randy Moertle, and Larry Richard.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- October 3, 2013

A motion was made by Mr. Ronald Hebert, Jr., seconded by Mr. Jimmy Landry, that the minutes of the October 3, 2013 Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District meeting be approved.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 7th day of November, 2013.

IV. PERSONS TO ADDRESS

- A. Ms. Natalie Peyronnin of CPRA to discuss risk assessment and the value of damages due to surges.

Ms. Peyronnin presented a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Louisiana's 2012 Coastal Master Plan: Iberia Parish", explaining the presentation provides what went into the State Master Plan and what the plan is meant to accomplish, specifically tailored for Iberia Parish.

*Please note the PowerPoint presentation is available for viewing in the office of the Iberia Parish Council and will be aired on the Acadiana Open Channel.

Upon completion of the presentation, Ms. Peyronnin opened the floor for questions. Several District members and audience members conversed with Ms. Peyronnin about her presentation.

- B. Mr. Jimmy Landry and Ms. Shona Gibson to discuss the process required for FEMA to recognize a newly constructed levee.

It was stated that Ms. Gibson was unable to attend the meeting due to unavailable traveling expenses provided by the Federal

Government. It was stated that Ms. Gibson will make an effort to attend the scheduled December meeting.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED

A motion was made by Mr. James Stein, seconded by Mr. Ben Langlinais, that the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District does hereby recess its Regular Session and convene into Public Hearing to receive public comments on business to be discussed.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 7th day of November, 2013.

Upon hearing no comments, a motion was made by Mr. James Stein, seconded by Mr. Ben Langlinais, that the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District does hereby recess its Public Hearing and reconvene into Regular Session.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 7th day of November, 2013.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approval of Invoice #213401 to Berard, Habetz, & Associates in the total amount of \$2,435.

A motion was made by Mr. Ronald Hebert, Jr., seconded by Mr. Ben Langlinais, approving Invoice #213401 to Berard, Habetz, & Associates in the total amount of \$2,435. (Resolution No. 2013-17)

And the motion was therefore passed on this 7th day of November, 2013.

- B. Discuss and consider a Resolution authorizing the Chairman to execute a contract between the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District and Royal Engineers & Consultants, LLC for the purpose of providing Professional Engineering Services to include; environmental services, permitting, surveying, engineering design, and construction management on the proposed alignment of the Iberia Parish 26 mile earthen levee with related structures and associated coastal restoration projects to protect Iberia Parish from future tidal surges caused by tropical storms and hurricanes.

Mr. James Stein stated a meeting was held with CPRA in regards to the Delcambre project. He explained, this project would be the first phase of the levee, and an engineer would be needed. He further explained, should the Parish Council approve \$300,000 in matching funds for the Delcambre Canal Project, the District would then have a shovel ready project in a few years and would be ready to proceed with construction.

Representative Simone Champagne stated that hiring the firm would be the correct move, as it is in preparation. She explained that there have been active discussions with CPRA on the Delcambre Avery Canal in regards to funding, and hiring the firm would be to the Parishes advantage for project assistance.

Council Marty Trahan then advised the District members that their attendance will be needed at the November 13th Iberia Parish Council meeting, to express their need and support for the request of matching funds in the amount of \$300,000 for the Delcambre Canal Project with the CPRA.

A motion was made by Mr. James Stein, seconded by Mr. Ben Langlinois, authorizing the Chairman to execute a contract between the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District and Royal Engineers & Consultants, LLC for the purpose of providing Professional Engineering Services to include; environmental services, permitting, surveying, engineering design, and construction management on the proposed alignment of the Iberia Parish 26 mile earthen levee with related structures and associated coastal restoration projects to protect Iberia Parish from future tidal surges caused by tropical storms and hurricanes. (Resolution No. 2013-18)

And the motion was therefore passed on this 7th day of November, 2013.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Updates on:
- Weeks Bay Project

Mr. Ben Langlinois stated there is nothing new to report, other than one of the applications submitted to Capital Outlay includes a request of \$500,000 for engineering funding to move the design of the Weeks Bay Project forward.

- Iberia/Vermilion (Delcambre Avery Canal)
Joint Project

Chairman Gonsoulin stated there is a \$26 million project with CPRA to close the Delcambre Canal and requires \$300,000 in matching funds from the Iberia Levee District for the design of the project.

- Capital Outlay Requests

Chairman Gonsoulin stated two Capital Outlay requests applications have been submitted by Minvielle & Associates at the request of the District. He directed the members to review the applications provided by Minvielle & Associates, explaining that application (1) is for Planning, Permitting, Engineering, & Right of Way/Servitude Acquisitions for the Iberia Parish Hurricane Protection Master Plan(\$1,000,000); and application (2) is for the Iberia Levee District Weeks Bay Shoreline Protection (\$15,600,000).

Chairman Gonsoulin then directed the members to Invoice #2835 issued by Minvielle & Associates, Inc. for submission of State Capital Outlay applications in the total amount of \$1,317, and requested that a motion be entertained to approve said invoice.

A motion was made by Mr. Patrick Broussard, seconded by Mr. Mr. Jimmy Landry, approving Invoice #2835 to Minvielle & Associates, Inc. for submission of State Capital Outlay applications, in the total amount of \$1,317. (Resolution No. 2013-19)

And the motion was therefore passed on this 7th day of November, 2013.

- B. Discuss financial status.

Chairman Gonsoulin directed the members to review a handout which covers the current financial status of the District. He stated not much has changed, except for a few payments on regular business as approved by the District. He noted that the Port of Iberia Agreement with the District will be ready for final execution next week and the check of \$25,000 will be deposited into the Levee

District's account with Iberia Parish Government in a newly created line item specifically for the donation.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Patrick Broussard informed his fellow District members that copies of Coastal Use Permit Applications have been provided by the office of DNR, for review.

The secretary referred to a handout, provided by Parish President Errol Romero stating that Mr. Robert E. Freeman & Mr. Harvey C. Gonsoulin have been designated as the official voting representative for CWPRRA.

Mr. Ronald Hebert questioned if there is an update on the request for the modeling of Avery Island. It was stated that an update isn't available at this time. Mr. Hebert requested the CPRA officials to provide a status update at the next meeting.

It was stated that a presentation was given to the Optimist Club, and the Rotary Club has since requested a presentation.

Mr. Patrick Broussard stated the Greater Iberia Chamber of Commerce has been directly involved in supporting the District. He explained, the Step Up Iberia campaign is under way, whereas filming of the presentation today, the creation of a website and a Facebook page are all part of the development. He stated the films will be aired on the Acadiana Open Access Channel. He further explained these resources will give the people a place to go for factual information. He then welcomed the public to get involved, and stated the next meeting will be held on December 17th at 11:30 a.m. at the Chamber Office.

IX. PLANS FOR NEXT MEETING

- December 5, 2013

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Patrick Broussard, seconded by Mr. Jimmy Landry, 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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