

IBERIA PARISH LEVEE, HURRICANE, AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, April 28, 2015

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

ATTENDANCE: James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Benson Langlinais, Frank Minvielle, Ronald Gonsoulin, and Alfred "Todd" Landry.

ABSENT: Carol Bourgeois, Jr., James Landry, and Scott Saunier.

OTHERS: Councilmen Marty Trahan; Ray and Brenda Fremin, Mitch Andrus, Mike Pugh, and Ralph Libersat - Royal Engineers and Consultants, LLC, Laura Bentley, Stan Aucoin - CPRA; Bill Stiles, Renee Simon, and Burt Cestia.

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER AND PLEDGE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Alfred "Todd" Landry entered the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

· Regular Meeting of April 2, 2015

A motion was made by Mr. Ronald Gonsoulin, seconded by Mr. Frank Minvielle, that the minutes of April 2, 2015 are approved as presented.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Benson Langlinais, Frank Minvielle, Ronald Gonsoulin, and Alfred "Todd" Landry.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Carol Bourgeois, Jr., James Landry, and Scott Saunier.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 28th day of April, 2015.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS

Chairman Stein informed members of the District that Legislation is being introduced to the State Legislature this year in order that an additional Levee District be formed in Iberia Parish within Squirrel Run Subdivision. Mr. Stein introduced Mr. Burt Cestia, a resident of Squirrel Run Subdivision, who requested that said Legislation be considered for adoption by the State Legislature.

Mr. Cestia explained that he requested his State Representative to introduce this bill due to the fact that insurance rates would sky rocket as a result of changes to the recent flood elevations, ultimately affecting property values for the residents of Squirrel Run Subdivision.

Mr. Cestia then explained that upon the development of Squirrel Run Subdivision, a levee was built surrounding the subdivision as a flood protection measure which has efficiently served their community for several decades. He further explained that in order to reduce the insurance premiums of residents within the proposed District, the current levee would need to meet all standards as required by FEMA. He continued to explain that upon meeting said standards, the proposed District would receive certification from FEMA for the levee surrounding the Subdivision, thus allowing a reduction in insurance premiums. He noted that said Legislation would also allow the residents of Squirrel Run to consider a tax for future maintenance and upkeep of said levee.

Chairman Stein, amongst other members of the Iberia Levee District wished Mr. Cestia and the residents of Squirrel Run Subdivision luck in their endeavors, but cautioned them of the financial responsibilities involved with such task.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED

(Comments accepted from the general public)

A motion was made by Mr. Ronald Gonsoulin, seconded by Mr. Benson 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.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Benson Langlinais, Frank Minvielle, Ronald Gonsoulin, and Alfred "Todd" Landry.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Carol Bourgeois, Jr., James Landry, and Scott Saunier.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 28th day of April, 2015.

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

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Benson Langlinais, Frank Minvielle, Ronald Gonsoulin, and Alfred "Todd" Landry.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Carol Bourgeois, Jr., James Landry, and Scott Saunier.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 28th day of April, 2015.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

Mr. Patrick Broussard stated that the District's checking account has a balance of \$49,367.25.

Mr. Broussard reviewed account activity, as follows:

- beginning balance of \$100 for the month of April;
- Mr. Broussard loaning the District \$500 to order checks at a cost of \$232.75; and
- \$49,000 in grant funding from the Port of Iberia has been deposited into the account.

Mr. Broussard stated that the Parish of Iberia is currently holding \$75,000 which is a grant for a Director position and \$50,000 which is matching funds for a Capital Outlay grant, and further that CPRA has pledged a \$50,000 grant.

Mr. Broussard reviewed pending debts, totaling \$27,371.20, as follows:

- \$100 seed money for Ronald Gonsoulin;
- Three invoices for Royal Engineers & Consultants, LLC; and
- \$500 loan for Patrick Broussard.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Updates:

- a. A cost estimate for the installation of a flood gate on Longside Road to provide for the drainage of water, as requested by the Iberia Parish Council;

Chairman Stein stated that he received a cost proposal from Royal Engineers & Consultants, LLC for the installation of a flood gate on Longside Road.

Mr. Mike Pugh referred to said proposal stating that a drainage impact study would be needed followed by several other steps, such as a Coastal Use Permit, etc.

A motion was made by Mr. Ronald Gonsoulin, seconded by Mr. Benson Langlinois, that a Resolution be adopted supporting a proposal submitted by Royal Engineers and Consultants, LLC for the design and construction management for the installation of a water control structure to be constructed on Channel M-5, south of Delcambre, pending funding from Iberia Parish Government. (Resolution No. 2015-15)

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Benson Langlinois, Frank Minvielle, Ronald Gonsoulin, and Alfred "Todd" Landry.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Carol Bourgeois, Jr., James Landry, and Scott Saunier.

And the Resolution was therefore passed on this 28th day of April, 2015.

- b. Iberia Parish Council Resolution No. 2015-31, which appropriated \$75,000 to the District;

Chairman Stein clarified that the \$75,000 grant will be requested from Iberia Parish Government upon the formal hiring of a Director.

- c. A listing of projects eligible for the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund Allocations (Buckets 1 through 5), as requested by the Iberia Parish Council;

Chairman Stein stated that the Administration of Iberia Parish Government has requested a Multi-Year Plan in order for submission for funding for the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund Allocations. He further stated that said plan is unavailable and is currently being worked on. It was discussed that a meeting will be held between Mr. Pugh, Ms. Bentley, and Mr. Fremin to further discuss the details for submission of said projects to the Iberia Parish Council for final review and approval.

- d. An Intergovernmental Agreement with the Parish of Iberia for the RESTORE Act Funding in the total amount of \$180,000; and

Chairman Stein stated that the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Parish of Iberia is still under review by the District Attorney's Office, as well as, the Agreement between CPRA and the District for the Delcembre-Avery Canal Project, TV-57.

- e. A \$50,000 donation from the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.

Chairman Stein requested that Mr. Gonsoulin contact Mr. Kyle Graham as the District is ready to accept said donation.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss and consider a Resolution approving Mr. Ray Fremin, Jr. for the position of Director of the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District, and further approving the salary for said position at \$75,000 plus benefits, to begin on May 1, 2015.

Chairman Stein stated that the Interview Task Force recommends a starting salary of \$75,000 plus benefits for Mr. Ray Fremin, Jr. as Director of the District. He noted that the Task Force obtained a rough estimate for the cost of benefits, but said benefits would need to be further researched upon Mr. Fremin being hired as Director of the District.

Mr. Stein opened the floor for any questions or discussion. No questions or comments were received.

A motion was made by Mr. Patrick Broussard, seconded by Mr. Benson Langlinois, that a Resolution be adopted approving Mr. Ray Fremin, Jr. to the position of Director of the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District, and further approving the salary for said position at \$75,000 plus benefits, to begin on May 1, 2015. (Resolution No. 2015-16)

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Benson Langlinois, Frank Minvielle, Ronald

Gonsoulin, and Alfred "Todd" Landry.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Carol Bourgeois, Jr., James Landry, and Scott Saunier.

And the Resolution was therefore passed on this 28th day of April, 2015.

2. Discuss and consider a Resolution requesting CPRA to build the Bayou Tigre structure to a 100 year flood plain.

A motion was made by Mr. Ronald Gonsoulin, seconded by Mr. Alfred "Todd" Landry, to open the floor for discussion.

Mr. Benson Langlinois referred to a handout from Vermilion Parish Police Jury which takes a position on the design and construction of the Bayou Tigre structure. He suggested that a Resolution be adopted supporting Vermilion Parish Police Jury in their efforts to have the Bayou Tigre structure built to a 100 year flood event level.

Upon discussion, it was determined that a motion should be made supporting a 100 year flood protection structure for the Delcambre- Avery Canal Project.

A motion was made by Mr. Ronald Gonsoulin, seconded by Mr. Benson Langlinois, that a Resolution be adopted supporting a 100 year flood protection structure for the Delcambre-Avery Canal and Bayou Tigre Projects. (Resolution No. 2015-17)

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Benson Langlinois, Frank Minvielle, Ronald Gonsoulin, and Alfred "Todd" Landry.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Carol Bourgeois, Jr., James Landry, and Scott Saunier.

And the Resolution was therefore passed on this 28th day of April, 2015.

3. Discuss and consider a Resolution addressing the Southwest Louisiana Coastal Study.

Mr. Ralph Libersat informed the members of the District that Vermilion Parish Police Jury had previously forwarded correspondence to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers in opposition to their report on the Southwest Louisiana Coastal Study.

Upon discussion, it was determined that the District would adopt a Resolution supporting their neighboring Parish in opposition to the report on the Southwest Louisiana Coastal Study.

A motion was made by Mr. Patrick Broussard, seconded by Mr. Ronald Gonsoulin, that a Resolution be adopted supporting Vermilion Parish Police Jury in opposition to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers report on the Southwest Louisiana Coastal Study. (Resolution No. 2015-18)

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Benson Langlinais, Frank Minvielle, Ronald Gonsoulin, and Alfred "Todd" Landry.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Carol Bourgeois, Jr., James Landry, and Scott Saunier.

And the Resolution was therefore passed on this 28th day of April, 2015.

It was noted that the comment period has a submission deadline of May 5, 2015.

4. Discuss and consider a Resolution authorizing payment of Invoice No. 2015-03-03 to Royal Engineers and Consultants, LLC, in the total amount of \$7,972.50 for Professional Consulting Services for the Master Plan Enhancements and Initial Permitting Project from March 2 - 31, 2015, and further authorizing submission of said invoice to the Office of Facility Planning and Control for reimbursement, contingent upon the transfer of funds from the Levee District's account.

A motion was made by Mr. Patrick Broussard, seconded Mr. Alfred "Todd" Landry, that a Resolution be adopted authorizing payment of Invoice No. 2015-03-03 to Royal Engineers and Consultants, LLC, in the total amount of \$7,972.50 for Professional Consulting Services for the Master Plan Enhancements and Initial Permitting Project from March 2 - 31, 2015, and further authorizing submission of said invoice to the Office of Facility Planning and Control for reimbursement, contingent upon the transfer of funds from the Levee District's account. (Resolution No. 2015-19)

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Benson Langlinais, Frank Minvielle, Ronald Gonsoulin, and Alfred "Todd" Landry.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Carol Bourgeois, Jr., James Landry, and Scott Saunier.

And the Resolution was therefore passed on this 28th day of April, 2015.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Mr. Mike Pugh stated that Royal Engineers & Consultants, LLC would like to be on the next agenda in order to give a progress presentation.
2. Chairman Stein requested that Ms. Babette Lastrapes be contacted to transfer the \$75,000 for since the Director has been hired.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

June 4, 2015

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Frank Minvielle, seconded by Mr. Alfred "Todd" 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:

James Stein, Chairman

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