

IBERIA PARISH LEVEE, HURRICANE, AND CONSERVATION
DISTRICT MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, June 5, 2014

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

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

ABSENT: Ronald Hebert, Jr.

OTHERS: Mitch Andrus - Royal Engineers & Consultants, LLC, Jacques Cousin - Legal Counsel, Pat Landry & Stan Aucoin - CPRA, Rick Patout - Promotional Images, Councilman Marty Trahan, and Bill Stiles.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- May 1, 2014

A motion was made by Mr. Jimmy Landry, seconded by Mr. James Stein that the minutes of the March 6, 2014 Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District meetings be approved.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Ronald Hebert, Jr.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 5th day of June, 2014.

IV. PERSONS TO ADDRESS

None.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED

No Comments received.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Updates:

- The execution of a contract with Royal Engineers & Consultants, LLC;

Chairman Gonsoulin requested Legal Counsel Jacques Cousin to address the execution of a contract with Royal Engineers & Consultants, LLC.

Mr. Cousin explained that no one knew what Royal Engineers & Consultants, LLC is being hired to do until today. It was explained to him that someone like Royal Engineers & Consultants, LLC needs to conduct more studies and submit reports on the general

requirements for the proposed levee system across the Parish, particularly moving eastwardly from the Delcambre Avery Project. Mr. Cousin continued to explain that Mr. Andrus feels this contract is necessary in order that the District would be able to "sell the project" to State and Federal officials for the purpose of grant funding. At that time, Mr. Cousin advised members of the District that he is uncertain if this would be an accurate statement. Upon further discussion, Mr. Cousin stated that he thinks the contract should be for the hiring of Royal Engineers & Consultants, LLC to conduct a study and make a report to the District on what is included in the Task Order. He explained that the Task Order defines what needs to be done in order that the District can qualify for government grants. He then requested members of the District to explain what exactly they would like Royal Engineers & Consultants, LLC to do, therefore, he can tailor the contract for the desired specific purposes.

Mr. Scott Saunier entered the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Chairman Gonsoulin confirmed that these changes would narrow the scope of what Royal Engineers & Consultants, LLC would do and would provide the District with specifics of where the levee would be constructed in Iberia Parish. He further mentioned that all is to be done upon the approval of Facility, Planning & Control & CPRA.

Mr. James Stein stated that when a grant is received from Facility Planning & Control, documentation should be presented showing how the grant is being spent by the District. He continued to explain that the District is interested in hiring Royal Engineers & Consultants, LLC to create a more specific, detailed document on the proposed levee system. Royal Engineers & Consultants, LLC would be tasked with figuring out details on projects, such as the proposed two hundred foot structure for the canal at the Port of Iberia.

Mr. Ben Langlinois commented that Royal Engineers & Consultants, LLC would be tasked to assist in defining the engineering parameters which are necessary to implement the District's Master Plan.

Mr. Frank Minvielle questioned if the District would need to go through the bidding process for this contract. Mr. Scott Saunier suggested that the District should have CPRA approve the agreement as a cautionary measure. Mr. Jacques Cousin stated that engineering services are different and do not require a formal bidding process.

Upon questioning, Mr. Pat Landry suggested the contract be reviewed by CPRA officials to eliminate duplication of one projects. He suggested that Mr. Jerry Carol, Chief of Engineering be contacted for review of the contract.

Upon discussing the submission of said agreement to CPRA, Mr. Mitch Andrus requested that it also be sent concurrently to Mr. James Lee of FP&C.

- The creation of a bank account.

Chairman Gonsoulin stated he hadn't moved forward with opening an account, due to the matter of finalizing the contract with Royal Engineers & Consultants, LLC.

Mr. James Stein questioned how they would handle a checking account without a director and/or staff. He reminded everyone that the Capital Outlay Grant has to be deposited into the District's

account.

Mr. Jacques Cousin suggested a Resolution be adopted authorizing the Chairman to open a checking account in the name of the District and to further provide that any checks written have to be signed by the Chairman and another member. Councilman Marty Trahan then suggested that the District nominate a treasurer to handle such matters.

Chairman Gonsoulin stated that he had made contact with Ms. Christie Dunn, CPA consultant with Iberia Parish Government and will attempt to re-contact her for the purposes of discussing the creation of said bank account. It was then suggested that each check have board approval prior to being issued. Mr. Cousin also suggested that the District could enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Parish of Iberia for the purposes of administering the account.

Upon discussing the receipt of potential grants from CPRA and the Port of Iberia, Mr. Stein stated that he would like to see the \$25,000 grant from the Port of Iberia used to open an account and to pay Royal Engineers & Consultants, LLC.

Chairman Gonsoulin questioned if insurance would be needed for errors and omissions. Mr. Ben Langlais stated that he would seek information in regards to errors and omissions.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Preliminary discussion regarding a future tax election.

Chairman Gonsoulin opened the floor for comments in regards to a future election for the District.

Several members agreed this would not be the time to call an election, but would like to continue educating the public and seeking participants to support the District. Mr. Langlais reminded everyone that the Greater Iberia Chamber of Commerce is still conducting Eggs and Issues, with topics relative to the Levee District. He noted that the meetings are well attended and that the business community of Iberia supports the District. He informed everyone that Mr. Tim Osborne of NOAA is scheduled to attend the Greater Iberia Chamber of Commerce's July session of Eggs and Issues to present predictions on how sea level rise will affect Iberia Parish.

B. Mr. Jimmy Landry to discuss the AGMAC dredging project.

Mr. Jimmy Landry commented that dredging this canal as a coastal restoration project could be positive publicity for a future election by the District. He noted that funding for the project is getting close and the project would need the signature of the President.

C. Mr. Patrick Broussard to discuss potential levees for the Delcambre Baseball Park, as requested by Councilman Marty Trahan.

Mr. Marty Trahan stated he would like to see some type of flood prevention structure to stop the high tide from entering the Delcambre Baseball Park. Mr. Trahan stated that he was informed that the area of concern would be included under the proposed levee system. He continued to explain that he made a request to Parks and Recreation for Berard, Habetz, & Associates to conduct a drainage

study on the park. Mr. Trahan then stated he would like the approval of all entities involved and requested that a representative of the District attend meetings in reference to said drainage study.

Upon discussing said study, Mr. Langlinais stated that the District would not be able to participate in the project at this time. He then recommended that upon completion of the study, it could be placed as a component of the Iberia Levee Master Plan. He noted that the study may not mesh with the Master Plan, but could be addressed later on. Some members then expressed their concerns on participating in a drainage project, which could be an issue for the District in the future.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

It was announced that the Greater Iberia Chamber Commerce will be holding Eggs and Issues on July 17th at 7:30 a.m. at the Ramada Inn.

IX. PLANS FOR NEXT MEETING

Chairman Gonsoulin announced that the regular monthly meeting will be moved to the second Thursday of July due to the Independence Day Holiday.

- July 10, 2014

X. ADJOURNMENT

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