

IBERIA PARISH LEVEE, HURRICANE, AND CONSERVATION
DISTRICT REPORT

DATE: Thursday, June 9, 2011

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

ATTENDANCE: James Landry, Frank Minvielle, Ronnie Gonsoulin, Alfred 'Todd' Landry, James Stein, Benson Langlinais, and Scott Saunier.

ABSENT: William Patout and Ronald Hebert, Jr.

OTHERS: Marc Berard, Jacques Cousin, Oneil Malbrough, Benjamin Malbrough, Leslie Suazo, Rickey Broullitte, and Karim Belhadjali.

I. ROLL CALL

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

II. ACTIONS TO BE DISCUSSED

A. Discuss authorizing the Chairman to approve bills including engineer invoices as necessary.

A motion was made by Mr. Frank Minvielle seconded by Mr. James Stein, to pay invoice #211229 in the amount \$832.50 and invoice #211204 in the amount of \$4,247.42 both to Berard, Habetz and Associates.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 9th day of June 2011.

Mr. Oneil Malbrough suggested that he would like to enter into a contract for a General Services Agreement for the development of a master plan levee alignment. Mr. Malbrough noted that Shaw can put a draft together for Mr. Jacques Cousin, Legal Advisor to review.

The estimated cost for the scope of work, is approximately \$35,000, which a contract can be done by time and materials or a lump sum amount. The scope of work includes an initial alignment of the proposed levee, fine tuning of the alignment, preparation of a construction cost estimate, answering questions and making any changes in relation to the final alignment.

Mr. Marc Berard stated that his contract is through Iberia Parish Government and will need to be revised as a new contract with the Levee Board. The Levee Board would enter into a contract with Berard, Habetz & Associates for their services, which goes by an hourly rate. He noted that in Shaw Group's case the contract needs to be on a lump sum basis or an hourly rate contract also.

In discussion Mr. Berard warned the Board that when funding is available, it comes with a description which can be used only for the designated items described. He suggested that the Board eventually get funding sources which is unlimited in its use, at the Board's discretion. For available funding to proceed with this proposed Contract, the Board will have to request funding from the Iberia Parish Government.

A. Karim Belhadjali with the Office of Costal Protection and Restoration to give an overview of the 2012 Louisiana State

Master Plan.

Mr. Belhadjali with the Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration presented a Power Point presentation on the State Master Plan. From the initial plan of 2007, it will be updated every five years. An update is scheduled to be delivered to the State Legislature for March of 2012.

The goal of the Master Plan is to come up with a vision of what could be sustained, what the State can do to maintain coastal resources for future generations, protecting communities and trying to bring back a functional system. The Master Plan is not being started from scratch, but instead building on the previous effort of the 2007 plan. They are incorporating elements of Parish and Levee Board projects to build the 2012 Master Plan. They are striving for implemented plans with expected outcomes. They will define more of the outcomes of projects than the previous Master Plan.

They expect to have the first set of public meetings in July and August, with final set of public meetings in January of 2012, releasing the final copy to the Legislature in March of 2012.

B. Discussion on the results of the Subcommittee meetings for a potential footprint of an Iberia Parish Levee.

Mr. Oneil Malbrough presented a draft map of a projected levee alignment to the Board as the outcome of the Subcommittees findings and suggestions. He further explained the projected alignment, which crosses several canals and drainage ditches. Fine tuning can be done to the projected alignment until a final plan is reached. Some areas in question have alternative alignments, which can all be modeled.

The projections on the map included two major floodgates for the Delcambre Canal and the Commercial Canal, both projected with 200 foot gates. It also includes several other smaller gates through the non-navigational canals. This will be further discussed and fine tuned/updated for the Master Plan. Once this stage is completed the Board could then develop cost estimates for the construction.

Mr. Malbrough also suggested informing the Legislative Delegation of the projected or finalized alignment. Mr. James Stein suggested contacting the larger land owners involved before the final alignment. The Board discussed conducting public meetings at the proper times as well as informing the Iberia Parish Council of its actions.

D. Discuss joining the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana.

Chairman Gonsoulin requested Mr. Jimmy Landry to give a speech on his experience at the Association of Levee Board annual conference.

Mr. Landry stated that this Board was recognized by the Association. He informed the members of important measurements to remember, 300 feet, 1500 feet, and 5000 feet from the tow of the levee, each side being the Levee Boards responsibility. The Board will be responsible for the maintenance, any damages, policing the levee, cutting grass, an office, a secretary, and a separate full time attorney. More than just a footprint to take into consideration, with high cost.

The members questioned the Cost of joining the Association.

Mr. Berard noted that the first year would be at \$0 cost. The Board requested the Council secretary to contact the Association on the details and the cost of joining the Association.

Chairman Gonsoulin entertained a motion from Mr. Ben Langlinais, seconded by Mr. James Landry, to join the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 9th day of June 2011.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

The Board discussed contacting landowners in the upcoming weeks, but decided on the initial need to construct a document with questions that landowners would typically ask, hence keeping consistency in answers and fairness to everyone. The importance was stressed to gather all information with proper answers before contacting the land owners.

It was determined that a Subcommittee of Mr. Scott Saunier, Mr. Ben Langlinais, Mr. Alfred 'Todd' Landry, and Mr. James Landry, will conduct a meeting in the next week to derive questions for landowners and bring back to the next official meeting of July 14, 2011.

Chairman Gonsoulin clarified that the next official meeting will be held on Thursday, July 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

IV. ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Frank Minvielle, seconded by Mr. Alfred 'Todd' Landry, that the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District Board does hereby adjourn.

All members present voted affirmatively and the motion carried unanimously.

I hereby the fore going to be exact and true:

Ronnie Gonsoulin, Chairman