

West's Louisiana Statutes Annotated  
Louisiana Revised Statutes  
Title 38. Public Contracts, Works and Improvements  
Chapter 4. Levee Districts (Refs & Annos)  
Part IV. Special Provisions

LSA-R.S. 38:331

§ 331. Coastal Louisiana Levee Consortium; establishment; purposes

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A. (1) There is hereby created the Coastal Louisiana Levee Consortium, hereinafter referred to as the “consortium,” which shall include members from those levee districts or parishes situated in coastal south Louisiana as provided in Subsection B of this Section.

(2) The purpose of the consortium shall be to facilitate communication and coordination of efforts of the levee districts and parishes specified in Subsection B of this Section; to protect coastal Louisiana, its people, property, and resources; to increase awareness and understanding of conditions, issues, strategies, and policies of coastal levee systems, hurricane protection, and flood control; and to provide one unified voice that is representative of the coastal levee community in communicating information necessary for decision-making to policymakers at the state and federal levels and to the authority set forth in R.S. 49:213.3 et seq.

B. (1) Members of the consortium shall include the president of each board of commissioners, or a designee, of the following levee districts:

(a) Atchafalaya Basin Levee District.

(b) Grand Isle Independent Levee District.

(c) Lafourche Basin Levee District.

(d) North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District.

(e) Pontchartrain Levee District.

(f) South Lafourche Levee District.

(g) Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District.

(h) West Jefferson Levee District.

(i) Lake Borgne Basin Levee District.

(j) East Jefferson Levee District.

(k) Orleans Levee District.

(l) Lafitte Area Independent Levee District.

(m) St. Mary Levee District.

(n) Any other levee district that may be created for a coastal parish, including but not limited to St. Tammany Parish, Calcasieu Parish, Cameron Parish, Jefferson Davis Parish, and Vermilion Parish. However, until such time as a levee district is created, the parish president or police jury of each such parish, or a designee, shall be a member of the consortium.

(o) Plaquemines Parish president.

(2) Any member who serves as a designee shall meet at least one of the following requirements:

(a) He shall be serving as a member of his respective levee board or parish governing authority.

(b) He shall have expertise in engineering or public works functions related to flood and drainage control, water resources, soil conservation, or related functions.

C. The consortium shall:

(1) Provide leadership to the levee districts in the coastal region in assessing and addressing issues related to levee management, the status of coastal levee systems, hurricane protection, and flood protection and control.

(2) Evaluate the potential of various strategies, develop regional awareness of effective strategies, and develop a regional plan for the improvement of regional levee systems.

(3) Seek the input of other local officials in assessing, addressing, or developing any regional strategy or plan.

(4) Seek the expertise of and work in conjunction with the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

(5) Provide an annual report on the status of the levees within the member levee districts and parishes no later than January first of each year to the governor, the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority as provided for in R.S. 49:213.3 et seq., the Department of Transportation and Development, and the Department of Natural Resources.

D. The governor shall call the first meeting of the consortium, and at that meeting the members shall elect, from among their membership, a chairman, a vice chairman, and such other officers as the consortium may deem advisable. Thereafter, every four years or at a special call by a majority vote of the consortium, an election shall be held for such offices, rotating the leadership among the membership.

E. Members of the consortium shall receive no pay or allowances for their attendance at meetings of the consortium, but may be compensated for expenses incurred in attending meetings by their respective governing authorities according to the authority's regulations. Participation as a member of the consortium shall be considered as a function of the office of president of the respective levee board, parish, or police jury.

F. A meeting of the consortium shall be convened at least twice a year on a rotating basis to be determined by the membership at a location in a levee district or one of the member parishes of the consortium.

#### **Credits**

Added by Acts 2006, 1st Ex.Sess., No. 10, § 1, eff. Feb. 23, 2006. Amended by Acts 2007, No. 259, § 1, eff. July 1, 2007; Acts 2007, No. 475, § 3, eff. Jan. 1, 2008.

#### **Editors' Notes**

#### **VACANCIES; TRANSFER OF RECORDS, PROPERTIES, OR FUNDS--ACTS 2007, NO. 475**

<Sections 4 to 7 of Acts 2007, No. 475 (§ 3 of which amended this section) provide:>

<“Section 4. Any position on the board of commissioners of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-West Bank that on the effective date of this Act is filled by a resident of Jefferson Parish who does not reside on the west side of the Mississippi River is hereby declared vacant. Any such vacancy shall be filled in accordance with R.S. 38:330.1 as amended by this Act. A member removed from the board by this Section shall not continue to serve in that position after the effective date of this Act.>

<“Section 5. Any books, records, documents, movable property, lands, immovable property, or funds, including but not limited to any ad valorem taxes collected by the West Jefferson Levee District for the tax year 2006 from the property situated within the Lafitte Area Independent Levee District, that are owned by or in the possession of the West Jefferson Levee District and that are situated in or on or pertain to the operations in the jurisdiction of the Lafitte Area Independent Levee District shall, upon the effective date of this Act, become property of and shall be transferred to the Lafitte Area Independent Levee District without the necessity of any other act, instrument, or deed.>

<“Section 6. Any books, records, documents, movable property, lands, immovable property or funds that are owned by or in the possession of the Orleans Levee District and that are situated in or on or pertain to operations in the jurisdiction of the Algiers Levee District shall, upon the effective date of this Section, become property of and shall be transferred to the Algiers Levee District without the necessity of any other act, instrument, or deed.>

<“Section 7. Sections 3 and 5 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2008.”>

Notes of Decisions (2)

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