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"Without Flood Control, Nothing Else Matters"

MINUTES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DECEMBER 6, 2017

President Cory Kief called to order the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana's (ALBL) Executive Committee Meeting at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, December 6, 2017, at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel in New Orleans. There were seventeen (17) member agencies present which constituted a quorum.

Motion by Mr. Bourgeois, seconded by Ms. Maclay to approve the minutes of the August 04, 2017, Executive Committee Meeting. Motion passed without opposition.

The Financial Report was given by Mr. Edmond Preau who updated the budget from the last Executive Committee Meeting. The following balances formed the working capital of the ALBL: checking account \$111,978.05; savings \$60,772.67 (3 CD's were transferred to savings); 1 Certificate of Deposit \$10,000 (matures on January 23, 2018 and will then be transferred to savings), in which the interest goes into the savings account; Litigation Savings \$15,897.97, and Flood Insurance Coalition \$2,778.42. Motion by Mr. Minsky, seconded by Ms. Hains, to accept the financial statement. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion by Mr. Keahey, seconded by Mr. Camardelle to pay for Ed Preau's expenses to attend the meeting. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Windell Curole gave the Comprehensive Hurricane Protection Committee Report and stated that the St. Mary tax passed and the Iberia tax failed. He stressed the importance of educating the public and lawmakers on the necessity of an entity dedicated specifically to providing adequate flood protection.

Motion by Mr. Callais, seconded by Mr. Bourgeois to amend the agenda to add a report by the Resolution Committee. Motion passed without opposition. Mr. Curole read the resolution (copy attached) that was passed by his board in reference to spending of GOMESA funding. Motion by Mr. Hutchinson, seconded by Mr. Keahey to have ALBL sign a similar resolution. Motion passed without opposition.

Representative Zeringue advised that he will be presenting a resolution to the House of Representatives to ensure that the GOMESA funds are properly used.

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Mr. Scott Kirkpatrick gave the Legislative Committee Report and stated that there is currently a surplus estimate of \$100-\$140 Million which will likely be reduced after reconciliation. Coastal restoration is one of the eligible expenditures of surplus monies and he urged all members to talk to their Representatives and Senators concerning such use.

A special session has been discussed for early next year and to address the projected Billion Dollar deficit. Increasing the personal income tax and extending the temporary one cent sales tax has been thrown around. If both of those don't happen, then elimination of exemptions will be explored. The membership needs to be vigilant in understanding the potential impacts to levee districts.

In early to mid-March there will be a regular ninety (90) day session. Now is the time to establish positions on issues and begin drafting legislation to address those matters.

Mr. Minsky stated that adequate funding for riverine levees is also an important Statewide issue impacting the entire membership and should not be overshadowed by Coastal issues. Representative Zeringue stated that CPRA should be working with DOTD to address those types of concerns.

Ms. Hains stated that Chenier Plain Levee District will be out of money sometime between June and November.

Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that January 10, 2018, is the deadline to have a local bill introduced and mid-February is the pre-file date. The Legislative Committee will have some conference calls in January to address any needed legislation and develop a unified plan of action.

Mr. Kief asked that all issues from all levee districts, not just coastal areas, be brought to the attention of the membership.

Mr. Dwayne Bourgeois gave the Flood Insurance Reform Coalition Committee Report and thanked the Committee for all of their hard work. As seen on the financial statement, the Coalition is out of money and the issue needs to be addressed. A letter to the Associate Members has been prepared and will be sent out by Ms. White.

The funding that has already been provided has proven to be successful. The Committee has met with 128 offices and representatives from 34 states.

Mr. Preau advised that he will be "retiring" as Secretary-Treasurer.

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Mr. Camardelle gave the Nominations Committee Report and stated that the 2018 nominations for ALBL and MVFCA are:

ALBL

President: Cory Kief
Vice-President: Drew Keahey
Secretary-Treasurer: Monica Gorman

Mr. Kief asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Motion by Mr. Callais, seconded by Ms. Maclay, to close all nominations. Motion passed without opposition.

MVFCA

Executive Committee Members: Dwayne Bourgeois & Reynold Minsky
State Vice President: John Stringer

Mr. Kief asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Motion by Mr. Callais, seconded by Ms. Maclay, to close all nominations. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion by Mr. Bourgeois, seconded by Mr. Minsky, to have Mr. Preau do what is necessary to change all documents from himself to Ms. Monica Gorman as the new Secretary-Treasurer. Motion passed without opposition. The bank, surety company, and auditor will be contacted to see what documents are necessary. Mr. Preau and Ms. White will work with Mr. Dwight Poirrier if documents need to be notarized.

Ms. White advised that there was a copy of the 2017 Committees in everyone's packet and stated that if anyone would like to be added or removed from a committee for calendar year 2018 to send an email with the changes.

There was No Old Business.

Under New Business, Mr. Andre McDonald with Fort Bend Levee Improvement District talked about the Texas flooding. He also thanked the Membership for the insight on flood control issues that he has gained in attending our meetings.

The next meeting date and time will be sent out at a later date.

The motion to adjourn passed by acclamation.

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Members Present:

Atchafalaya Basin Levee District
Bossier Levee District
Caddo Levee District
Chenier Plain Restoration
Department of Transportation and Development
Fifth Louisiana Levee District
Grand Isle Independent Levee District
Lafourche Basin Levee District
North Lafourche Levee District
Pontchartrain Levee District
Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West
South Lafourche Levee District
St. Mary Levee District
St. Tammany Levee District
Teche-Vermilion Fresh Water District
Tensas Basin Levee District
Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District