

# Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana



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## **MINUTES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING FEBRUARY 16, 2018**

President Cory Kief called to order the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana's (ALBL) Executive Committee Meeting at 10:05a.m., Friday, February 16, 2018, at Drusilla Seafood Restaurant in Baton Rouge. There were sixteen (16) member agencies present which constituted a quorum.

Motion by Mr. Bourgeois, seconded by Mr. Mustapha, to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2017, Executive Committee Meeting. Motion passed without opposition.

The Financial Report was given by Ms. Monica Gorman who updated the budget from the November ending bank statement. The following balances formed the working capital of the ALBL: checking account \$51,702.71; savings \$70,774.02 (the last \$10k CD was moved); litigation savings account at \$15,898.23, and Flood Insurance Coalition account \$2,778.46. Motion by Ms. Hains, seconded by Mr. Stringer, to accept the financial statement. Motion passed without opposition.

Ms. Gorman also advised that the Cost Comparison for the past three Annual Meetings was included in everyone's packet. There were no questions or comments.

Mr. Zeringue gave an update on the Louisiana Flood Risk Coalition. He stated that many meetings have been held with Congressional staff. He directed everyone to the plan of work and operating budget that was in the packets.

Mr. Kief stressed the importance of additional funding in order to keep the Coalition going. He urged all levee districts to continue to support this initiative. The Coalition has been reaching out to other organizations in order to educate them on the complex issues and asking for contributions. An email was sent to all Associate Members and Mr. Zeringue will be following up. Ms. White will be sending another invoice to all ALBL Members asking for another round of funding.

Motion by Mr. Bourgeois, seconded by Ms. Maclay, to have ALBL contribute \$5000 to the FIRC account. Motion passed without opposition. Ms. White will transfer the funds from the checking account into the FIRC account.

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Mr. Scott Kirkpatrick gave the Legislative Committee Report and stated that a special session will begin on Monday, February 19, 2018, and will end no later than Wednesday, March 7, 2018. He will be sending out a list of bills to the Legislative Committee for review and comment.

Rep. Zeringue stated that he is proposing a bill to require a 25% match to receive capital outlay funds or if there are no funds then everything up to construction can be done and 90/10 can be requested. He is also requesting to extend, for another four (4) years, existing legislation which is set to expire on 12/31/18 that allows local levee districts to utilize existing equipment up to \$1M for levee rehabilitation purposes on what isn't publicly bid. Another bill being proposed will be extending the outcome based performance contracting to levee districts and parishes specific to integrated coastal protection projects.

Mr. Curole gave the Comprehensive Hurricane Flood Protection Report and asked Mr. Monzon to speak about the issues he is having with the six (6) projects that need to be raised to be in compliance with the 100 year flood. Mr. Boese spoke about the issues that he is having with keeping finances separate for the three (3) districts under their authority.

Motion by Mr. Curole, seconded by Mr. Dupre, to request CPRA to do testing to consider whether the size of hurricane protection levees can be reduced. Mr. Curole will take the lead in drafting a resolution. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Kief gave the dates of the MVFCA Annual Washington trip and stated that there is a copy of the schedule of events in everyone's packet. There is also a schedule of future events planned.

Ms. White advised that all invites for the Annual Workshop have been sent out and there is a draft program in everyone's packet. She requested topics for the Panel Discussion with USACE and also stated that there is only one slot that is not filled. Ms. White also reminded everyone about the email she sent out regarding pre-registering for the Ethics presentation during the Annual Workshop.

Mr. Jason Placke advised that they are looking for speakers for the legal session at the Workshop which will provide 3 CLE hours for the attorneys.

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Ms. Nedra Davis stated that a copy of the Position Paper and also a folded mail out is included in the meeting packet. She asked that everyone please look at it and provide suggestions. She advised that all changes need to be done in track changes in order to be properly incorporated. Ms. White emailed the documents to the membership for comments prior to the meeting and will email again. Comments are needed before COB Friday, February 23, 2018.

Mr. Dupre talked about the National Guard shortage and how they won't be as available during high river and hurricane seasons this year and possibly years to come. He stressed the importance of the mutual aid agreement and how it might be needed this year. A list of the participating districts is included in the meeting packet.

Mr. Kief stated that there is a letter from the Iberia Parish Levee Hurricane and Conservation District in the meeting packet. Mr. Curole advised that the intent of the letter was to inform everyone that they will basically be starting over and paying everyone back for their contributions.

There was no Old Business.

Under New Business, Mr. Kief advised that research will begin on possibly moving hotels for the New Orleans Annual Meeting beginning in 2019. Mr. Bourgeois and Mr. Stringer will talk to Mr. Gambrell with the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association about the potential for combining the events to reduce costs.

How to increase the revenue of ALBL and several possibilities were discussed. It was decided that a topic during the workshop will be a discussion with the Associate Members to explore possibilities.

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held at the May Workshop in Baton Rouge.

The motion to adjourn passed by acclamation.

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Members Present:

Derek Boese, SLFPA-E  
Curt Boniol, LADOTD  
Dwayne Bourgeois, North Lafourche Levee District  
Windell Curole, South Lafourche Levee District  
Susan Douglas, LADOTD  
Reggie Dupre, Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District  
Ronald Forrester, SLFPA-W  
Monica Gorman, Pontchartrain Levee District  
Nedra Hains, Chenier Plain Authority  
Ignacio Harrouch, CPRA  
Donald Ray Henry, Lafourche Basin Levee District  
Tracy Hilburn, Tensas Basin Levee District  
Cory Kief, North Lafourche Levee District  
Scott Kirkpatrick, Roedel Parsons Koch Blache Balhoff & McCollister  
Pat Landry, DOTD  
Andrew Leon, RRABB  
Susan Maclay, SLFPA-West  
Mitch Marmande, Delta Coast  
Michael McKinney, Lafourche Basin Levee District  
John Monzon, SLFPA-W  
Ali Mustapha, Caddo Levee District  
Jason Placke, LADOTD  
Dietmar Rietschier, Amite River Basin Commission  
Donald Sagraera, Teche-Vermilion Fresh Water District  
James Sims, Caddo Levee District  
John Stringer, Fifth Louisiana Levee District PROXY  
Charles Sutcliffe, Governor's Office of Coastal Activities  
Doug Taylor, DOTD  
Amber White, ALBL  
Jacob Wilson, DOTD  
Jerome Zeringue, Louisiana Flood Risk Coalition