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"Without Flood Control, Nothing Else Matters"

MINUTES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MAY 2, 2019

President Cory Kief called to order the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana's (ALBL) Executive Committee Meeting at 12:30 p.m., Thursday, May 2, 2019, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. There were twenty-one (21) member agencies present which constituted a quorum.

Motion by Mr. Henry, seconded by Mr. Minsky to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2019, Executive Committee Meeting. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Scott Kirkpatrick gave the Legislative Committee Report and stated that the Legislative session is about half way through. The Committee has had phone conferences to discuss legislation that affects the members of this Association. He advised that there has been some active discussion about use of waterways that is centered around southern LA oil and gas canals and who can utilize them.

Mr. Kirkpatrick also stated that there have been discussions with Representative Miller concerning House Bill 366 relative to qualifications of the Executive Directors.

There is an ongoing effort to hold the supplemental funds in place that have been allocated for Westshore complex and reimbursement to CPRA.

House Bill 558 by Representative Hodges renames the Floodplain Evaluation and Management Commission to the Louisiana Watershed Commission. Rep. Hodges has agreed to allow a member from ALBL to serve on the Board.

The Committee is also watching House Bill 581 by Representative Garofalo which requires payment for flood control or flood protection projects that encompass multiple levee districts be proportionate to the value of the property protected by the flood control or flood protection project within each levee district. It requires payment for a drainage project under the jurisdiction of multiple levee districts be proportionate to the value of the property protected by the drainage protection project within each levee district.

Senate Bill 190 by Senator Chabert adds the Lieutenant Governor, or his designee, to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Protection board.

Mr. Kirkpatrick ended by saying that the Legislative Committee will continue working on the tracking report.

The Financial Report was given by Ms. Monica Gorman who updated the budget from the last Executive Committee Meeting. The following balances formed the working capital of the ALBL: checking account \$117,065.05; savings \$70,782.07; Flood Insurance Coalition \$44,281.01; Litigation Savings Account \$15,900.02. Motion by Mr. Callais, seconded by Mr. Rietschier to accept the financial statement. Motion passed without opposition.

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Mr. Dwayne Bourgeois gave an update on the Louisiana Flood Risk Coalition and encouraged the entire membership to consider contributing for calendar year 2019 if they already haven't. He stated that the May 31, 2019, deadline for NFIP may be extended. The membership will be kept up to date.

Mr. John Stringer read the following resolution that was presented to the family of Curtis Patterson at the luncheon:

WHEREAS, the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana is aware of the many contributions of all the various Levee Boards of the State of Louisiana in the building and maintaining of the contiguous flood control and drainage systems that together form a comprehensive integrated protective system; and,

WHEREAS, the employees who work for the Levee Boards and other supporting agencies and professional personnel who assist them are to be commended for their untiring and dedicated services to the citizens of the State of Louisiana and more specifically to the citizens of the respective levee districts in which they are employed; and

WHEREAS, it has been made known to this Association that a long time fighter for flood control and other water development improvements has passed away.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana at its Annual Workshop in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on May 2, 2019, does wish to exemplify and extend with thanks its gratitude to Curtis Patterson for his many years of public service to the citizens of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be incorporated in and made a permanent part of the Minutes of this Association and, further, that a copy of this resolution be presented to his family so that they may know of this Association's genuine appreciation of his work.

Motion by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Mr. Kief to accept Mr. Curtis Patterson's resolution into the minutes of this meeting. Motion passed without opposition.

There was no Old Business.

There was no New Business.

Motion by Mr. Grezaffi, seconded by Mr. Camardelle to adjourn. Motion passed without opposition.