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"Without Flood Control, Nothing Else Matters"

MINUTES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DECEMBER 5, 2019

President Cory Kief called to order the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana's (ALBL) Executive Committee Meeting at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, December 5, 2019, at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel in New Orleans. There were sixteen (16) member agencies present which constituted a quorum.

Motion by Mr. Keahey, seconded by Mr. Minsky to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2019, Executive Committee Meeting. Motion passed without opposition.

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 \$121,550.45; savings \$70,786.74; Litigation Savings \$15,901.06, and Flood Insurance Coalition \$44,283.92. Motion by Mr. Callais, seconded by Mr. Rietschier, to accept the financial statement. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Reggie Dupre gave the Comprehensive Hurricane Protection Committee report and stated that Mr. Curole would like to develop a white paper for the upcoming 15th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. He would like it to include an update on what has been done since the Hurricane and what still needs to be done.

Mr. Dupre also advised that a Memorandum of Understanding was signed on Wednesday, December 4, 2019, with Terrebonne Levee District, CPRA and USACE for the Morganza to the Gulf Project.

Mr. Kirkpatrick gave the Legislative Committee Report and stated that there was a handout in everyone's packet giving a summary of the Governor's election, a list of all newly elected legislators and a timeline of the upcoming legislative session. He stated that the new legislators will need education on Levee Districts and the issues that need to be focused on. Mr. Kirkpatrick will work on an educational handout that can be sent to all members of the legislature.

There was some discussion about the Association hosting a Wednesday event or the possibility of moving the May Workshop to Wednesday and Thursday to invite the legislators that are in session. Ms. White will contact the hosting hotel about the possibility.

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Mr. Kirkpatrick also spoke about the watershed initiative and the importance of Association participation. The information provided in the presentation given by Ms. Alex Carter at this Annual Meeting was discussed. There are many different issues, possible complications, and many unknowns. Mr. Kirkpatrick suggested setting up a meeting with Mr. Pat Forbes and his personnel to get a better understanding of the process and future.

He also gave an update on the GOMESA Coalition which is pushing to get a greater share to benefit those along the coast. The bill passed out of the Senate Committee in November 2019.

Mr. Dupre advised that Terrebonne Levee District plans to push legislation that would include levee districts in the Title 32 exception for axles which is already in place for trucks hauling asphalt for DOTD.

Mr. Dwayne Bourgeois gave the Louisiana Flood Risk Coalition report and stated that the current expiration date of December 20, 2019, will likely be extended again. FEMA is set to introduce Risk Rate 2.0, which will have new mapping and a different rating approach, in October of 2021. Mr. Kief suggesting having FEMA come and speak at the May meeting to answer questions.

Motion by Mr. Bourgeois, seconded by Mr. Minsky to transfer \$22,500 from the Louisiana Flood Risk Coalition account to the checking account and to have a check sent to the Coalition to cover half of the current expenditures. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Minsky gave the Nominations Committee Report and stated that the 2020 nominations for ALBL and MVFCA are:

ALBL

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

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

MVFCA

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

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Mr. Kief advised that if anyone would like to be added or removed from a committee for 2020, send an email to Ms. Amber White. She will be emailing the list to the membership.

Motion by Mr. Minsky, seconded by Mr. Keahey to incorporate George Broussard and Edmond J. Preau Jr.'s memorial resolutions (copied below) as a permanent part of the minutes. Mr. Kief added that he would like the Annual Meeting luncheon to be named the Edmond J. Preau, Jr. memorial luncheon. Motion passed without opposition.

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 Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana on December 4, 2019, does wish to exemplify and extend with thanks its gratitude to Edmond J. Preau, Jr. for his many years of public service to the citizens of Louisiana.

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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,

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 Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana on December 4, 2019, does wish to exemplify and extend with thanks its gratitude to George Broussard, Sr. 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,

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The next meeting will be held on Friday, February 07, 2020, at Drusilla Seafood in Baton Rouge. Ms. White will email more information in the near future.

The motion to adjourn passed by acclamation.

Members Present:

Amite River Basin
Atchafalaya Basin Levee District
Caddo Levee District
Department of Transportation and Development
Fifth Louisiana Levee District
Lafourche Basin Levee District
Natchitoches Levee District
North Lafourche Levee District
Pontchartrain Levee District
Red River, Atchafalaya, Bayou Boeuf Levee District
Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West
South Lafourche Levee District
St. Mary Levee District
Teche-Vermilion Fresh Water District
Tensas Basin Levee District
Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District