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“WITHOUT FLOOD CONTROL, NOTHING ELSE MATTERS”

## **MINUTES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AUGUST 12, 2022**

Secretary/Treasurer Monica Gorman called to order the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana’s (ALBL) Executive Committee Meeting at 10:00 a.m., Friday, August 12, 2022, at Drusilla Seafood Restaurant in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. There were sixteen (16) member agencies present which constituted a quorum.

Motion by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Bourgeois to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2022, 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 \$120,724.44; savings \$70,805.28; Litigation Savings Account \$15,905.21. Motion by Mr. Bourgeois, seconded by Mr. Rietschier to accept the financial statement. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion by Ms. Krieger, seconded by Mr. Bourgeois to add the Watershed Initiative Committee Report to the agenda. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Dietmar Rietschier gave the Watershed Initiative Committee Report and went over the specifics of HB686 which has restructured the Amite River Basin Commission.

Mr. Kirkpatrick gave the Legislative Committee Report and went over the final bill status report which included the Amite River Basin restructuring as well as HR 227 which urges and requests certain state agencies, working with the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana, to make recommendations relative to certain policies and laws impacting flood protection and restoration and its funding. Ms. White will email the entire final report for review. He also advised that the coastal master plan will be coming out next year.

Ms. White stated that the draft program for the upcoming ALBL Annual Meeting is in everyone’s packet. The speakers will be sent invites and a final program will be sent at a later date. The information on hotel rooms and registration has been emailed to everyone. The Ed Preau Memorial Luncheon will include raffle prizes and the choir again this year. Legal topics were also discussed and Ms. White will send an email to the legal coordinators at DOTD advising that the membership would like a presentation on legal professionalism and a panel to discuss appropriation vs expropriation.

Ms. Gorman stated that the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association has two (2) upcoming meetings: Washington DC September 18-21, 2022 (information included in the packet) and New Orleans December 1-3, 2022 (this information has not been sent by MVFCA yet).

Under Old Business, Mr. Bourgeois advised that the reauthorization for the National Flood Insurance Program expires on September 30, 2022, and will likely be pushed again.

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Mr. Bourgeois suggested taking a look at your DFIRMs to see if anything is in a special flood hazard area because that is having a huge impact on rates. The declaration page also states what your future rates will be. There is a disconnect between what the maps actually mean and what the rates will be.

Mr. Landry advised that Ms. Cindy O'Neal is retiring from DOTD as the Floodplain Manager and they are beginning the process of advertising and hiring her replacement hopefully within the next month.

After some discussion, Mr. Landry suggested and it was agreed upon that FEMA will be asked to come and speak to the Executive Committee during the Fall meeting in New Orleans in reference to Risk Rating 2.0. Mr. Landry will send an email requesting the speaker.

Mr. Bourgeois advised that there is a continuing education symposium which will include a presentation by CPRA at the Fletcher Technical Community College. He will send the information to Ms. White who will then forward to the membership.

There was no New Business.

Motion by Mr. Bourgeois, seconded by Ms. Krieger to adjourn. Motion passed without opposition.

Attendees:

Roy Arrigo, SLFPA-East  
Curt Boniol, DOTD, proxy for Fifth Louisiana Levee District  
Dwayne Bourgeois, North Lafourche Levee District  
Windell Curole, South Lafourche Levee District  
Katie DeRoche, North Lafourche Levee District  
Reggie Dupre, Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District  
Monica Gorman, Pontchartrain Levee District  
Keith Guidry, South Lafourche Levee District  
Angela Hidalgo, Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District  
Chris Humphreys, SLFPA-East  
Ryan Ingles, RRABB  
Scott Kirkpatrick, Pelican State Partners  
Edward Knight, DOTD  
Robyn Krieger, Congressman Steve Scalise's Office  
Suzanne Krieger, St. Tammany Levee District  
Pat Landry, DOTD  
Eric Matherne, Lafourche Basin Levee District  
Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District  
Jesse Noel, SLFPA – West  
Jason Placke, CPRA  
Dwight Poirrier, Pontchartrain Levee District , proxy for Grand Isle Independent Levee District  
Dietmar Rietschier, Amite River Basin Commission  
Ronnie Robinson, SLFPA-West  
Chris Roy, Jr., RRABB  
Joe Sevario, Pontchartrain Levee District, proxy for Tensas Basin Levee District  
Blaine Sheets, Pontchartrain Levee District  
Brandy Theriot, North Lafourche Levee District  
Amber White, ALBL