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## **MINUTES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 3, 2023**

President Cory Kief called to order the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana’s (ALBL) Executive Committee Meeting at 10:00 a.m., Friday, March 3, 2023, at Drusilla Seafood Restaurant in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. There were eighteen (18) member agencies present which constituted a quorum. Also present from our congressional delegations was Congressman Garret Graves, as well as the following staffers: Paul Sawyer (Graves), Robyn Krieger (Scalise), John Chautin (Higgins), Greg Ellison (Higgins) Ramona Martin (Letlow), Jay Vicknair (Kennedy), and Kathy Stuart (Cassidy). Liz Murrill and Morgan Brugard were also present from the Attorney General’s Office.

Motion by Mr. Henry, seconded by Mr. Bourgeois to approve the minutes of the December 1, 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 \$166,626.75; savings \$70,808.82; Litigation Savings Account \$15,906.01. Motion by Mr. Keahey, seconded by Ms. Chandler to accept the financial statement. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Kirkpatrick gave the Legislative Committee Report and stated that April 13, 2023, is the start of the legislative session and March 31, 2023, is the pre-filing deadline. The Committee will meet before session starts to review any bills that may affect the members of the Association.

Mr. Peterson stated that the USACE is taking comment on WRDA 2022 until March 21, 2023. CPRA will be sending out comments. Mr. Peterson will forward the information to Ms. White who will distribute to the membership.

Mr. Leon spoke about a resolution passed by Rapides Parish to pull out of the RRABB Levee District. He has not seen the legislation yet but it is something to look out for. Mr. Dupre advised that if they create a new district, they can’t take the money generated and a new funding mechanism would need to be established.

Motion by Mr. Keahey, seconded by Mr. Minsky to go into Executive Session. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion by Keahey, seconded by Curole to come out of Executive Session. Motion passed without opposition.

Motion by Mr. Keahey, with a unanimous second to have the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana join the Attorney General’s office in the Risk Rating 2.0 lawsuit against FEMA. Motion passed by acclamation.

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Mr. Dietmar Rietschier gave the Watershed Initiative Committee Report and advised that region 9 has been created for the Amite River Basin Commission.

There were no nominations from the floor for the Governor's Advisory Commission for Coastal Protection Restoration & Conservation. The six (6) names that were previously received will be sent in:

Earl Landry, Chenier Plain Coastal Restoration & Protection Authority  
Randy Noel, Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection – East  
Suzanne Krieger, St. Tammy Levee Drainage & Conservation District  
Angela Hidalgo, Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District  
John Helmers, Plaquemines Parish Government  
Kelli Chandler, Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – East

Nominations from the floor for the Feral Hog Management Advisory Task Force are as follows:

Dakota Fitch, Terrebonne Levee Conservation District  
Blaine Sheets, Pontchartrain Levee District  
Chris Humphreys, Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection – East  
Kevin Cheramie from Golden Meadow

Mr. Kief will submit the names for the Commission and Task Force.

Ms. White stated that the draft program for the upcoming ALBL Annual Workshop is in everyone's packet. A Panel Discussion regarding Risk Rating 2.0 was suggested for the open slot. DOTD will moderate a legal session for CLEs that will include, Ethics, Professionalism, and Public Law.

There was no Old Business.

There was no New Business.

Motion by Mr. Keahey, seconded by Mr. Helmers to adjourn. Motion passed without opposition.

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Attendees:

Curt Boniol, DOTD  
Henri Boulet, Morganza Action Coalition  
Dwayne Bourgeois, North Lafourche Levee District  
Kelli Chandler, SLFPA-East  
Owen Bordelon, SLFPA-West  
Michael Brocato, St. Mary Levee District  
Morgan Brugard, Attorney General's Office  
Nick Cali, SLFPA-West  
John Chautin, Congressman Clay Higgin's Office  
Peter Connick, SLFPA-West  
Windell Curole, South Lafourche Levee District  
Jacob Dagate, Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District  
Katie DeRoche, North Lafourche Levee District  
Reggie Dupre, Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District  
Greg Ellison, Congressman Clay Higgin's Office  
Dakota Fitch, Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District  
Monica Gorman, Pontchartrain Levee District  
Congressman Garret Graves  
Greg Hardy, DOTD  
John Helmers, Plaquemines Parish Government  
Donald Ray Henry, Lafourche Basin Levee District  
Debbie Henton, Police Jury Association  
Drew Keahey, Tensas Basin Levee District  
Cory Kief, North Lafourche Levee District  
Scott Kirkpatrick, Pelican State Partners  
Edward Knight, DOTD  
Robyn Krieger, Congressman Steve Scalise's Office  
Suzanne Krieger, St. Tammany Levee District  
Andrew Leon, RRABB  
Alex Lopresto, Teche Vermilion Fresh Water District  
Ramona Martin, Congresswoman Julia Letlow's Office  
Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District  
Reynold Minsky, Fifth Louisiana Levee District  
Liz Murrill, Attorney General's Office  
Randy Noel, SLFPA-East  
David Peterson, CPRA  
Jason Placke, CPRA  
Dwight Poirrier, Pontchartrain Levee District  
Dietmar Rietschier, Amite River Basin Commission  
Ronnie Robinson, SLFPA-West  
Donald Sagrera, Teche Vermilion Fresh Water District  
Paul Sawyer, Congressman Garret Graves's Office  
Blaine Sheets, Pontchartrain Levee District  
Tom Stephens, EBR Parish Public Works  
Kathy Stuart, Congressman Bill Cassidy's Office  
Jay Vicknair, Congressman John Kennedy's Office  
Brandon Waggoner, Tensas Basin Levee District  
Jay Walker, Morganza Action Coalition  
Danny Walker, Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District  
Amber White, ALBL