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“WITHOUT FLOOD CONTROL, NOTHING ELSE MATTERS”

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MINUTES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 28, 2023

President Cory Kief called to order the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana’s (ALBL) Executive Committee Meeting at 09:00 a.m., Friday, April 28, 2023, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Twenty-two (22) member agency attendees were present at the Workshop which constituted a quorum.

Motion by Mr. Bourgeois, seconded by Mr. Henry to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting. Motion passed without opposition.

The Financial Report was given by Mr. Keahey who updated the budget from the last Executive Committee Meeting. The following balances formed the working capital of the ALBL: checking account \$246,099.71; savings account \$70,809.95; and litigation savings account \$15,906.26. Motion by Ms. Chandler, seconded by Mr. Minsky to accept the financial statement. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Scott Kirkpatrick gave the Legislative Committee report and stated that it has been a relatively light session and highlighted some bills of interest to the Association. House Bill 2 is the financial bill; the Governor has allocated 1/3 of the surplus dollars to coastal and levee projects. Senate Bill 42 relative to the Louisiana Watershed Initiative will be watched closely. Concerned members should reach out to Senator Mills and/or Mr. Kirkpatrick. He also stated that the CPRA Master Plan and Annual Plan will be supported by the Association.

Senate Bill 201 which provides for meetings of boards and commissions via electronic means was also discussed. There are many questions and concerns. Mr. Kirkpatrick will get more information and provide it to the membership.

Mr. Bourgeois thanked everyone for their participation in the Risk Rating 2.0 panel held on Thursday, April 27, 2023, during the Workshop. The process is moving forward and gaining more interest. If you are interested in joining the suit, the deadline is mid May to have the information to the Attorney General’s office. Documentation will soon be circulated to the membership that explains in more detail what will happen with this lawsuit.

Motion by Mr. Keahey, seconded by Mr. Bourgeois for a unanimous second to adopt the following memorial resolution for Mr. Ralph Libersat. 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,

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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 April 27, 2023, does wish to exemplify and extend with thanks its gratitude to Ralph Libersat for his many years of public service to the citizens of Louisiana and the Teche-Vermilion Fresh Water District.

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.

Under Old Business, Mr. Bourgeois stated that concerns about LA R.S. 38:311 which states "The boards and commissioners of the levee districts and levee and drainage districts may make appropriations to cover the expenses of delegates to the meetings of the Mississippi River Commission and other interstate and national bodies and contribute funds to the support and maintenance of any interstate and national associations which in the judgment of the levee boards and levee and drainage boards may seem most expedient for advancing the levee interests. No board of commissioners shall appropriate during any one year for this purpose an amount larger than five thousand dollars." were brought up again. Mr. Kirkpatrick will look into possible changes and get back with the group.

There was no New Business.

Motion by Mr. Keahey, seconded by Mr. Bourgeois for a unanimous second to adjourn.
Motion passed without opposition.