



# Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana

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“WITHOUT FLOOD CONTROL, NOTHING ELSE MATTERS”

## **MINUTES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AUGUST 25, 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, August 25, 2023, at Drusilla Seafood Restaurant in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. There were sixteen (16) member agencies present which constituted a quorum.

Motion by Mr. Henry, seconded by Mr. Bourgeois to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2023, 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 \$166,353.16; savings \$70,812.28; Litigation Savings Account \$15,906.78. Motion by Ms. Chandler, seconded by Mr. Matte to accept the financial statement. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Kirkpatrick gave the Legislative Committee Report and stated that a full regular session will be starting in March 2024. He also reminded everyone that we are in an election year and that the Governor’s race is of course the most prominent. Insurance and Crime will be some of the main issues discussed. Tim Temple will be the new Insurance Commissioner since his only opponent dropped out. Mr. Kirkpatrick will reach out and set up an appointment for Mr. Kief and Mr. Bourgeois to meet with him to discuss issues affecting the members of this Association.

Mr. Luke Piontek with Roedel Parsons spoke about the amicus brief to support SLFPA-East in the class action lawsuit filed by homeowners with property abutting London Avenue Canal. The case has been certified by the judge.

Mr. Peterson suggested reaching out to the Attorney General’s office to have them weigh in since this is not a new issue.

Motion by Mr. Bourgeois seconded by Mr. Henry for ALBL to support SLFPA-East by having Roedel Parsons write an amicus brief while also encouraging them to reach a settlement. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Dwayne Bourgeois gave an update on the NFIP litigation by stating that the Attorney General’s office was able to expedite the briefing on FEMA’s motion to dismiss and set a new hearing date. The Judge set a combined hearing on FEMA’s motion to dismiss and our motion for a preliminary injunction for September 14th at 9am in New Orleans. They have asked that anyone that is available, to please join them in the courtroom that day for opening arguments or as long as you would like to stay. They will be sending out a formal invitation with more details and it will be forwarded as soon as it is received.

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Ms. White stated that the draft program for the upcoming ALBL Annual Meeting is in everyone's packet. Topics and speakers were discussed and a final program will be sent at a later date. The information on hotel rooms and registration was emailed to the regular and Associate Membership. Ms. White will send an email to the coordinators of the legal meeting.

Ms. Gorman stated that the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association has two (2) upcoming meetings: Washington DC September 17-20, 2023 (information included in the packet) and New Orleans December 7-9, 2023.

There was no Old Business.

There was no New Business.

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

**Attendees:**

Curt Boniol, DOTD  
Dwayne Bourgeois, North Lafourche Levee District  
Nick Cali, SLFPA – West  
Kelli Chander, SLFPA – East  
Monica Gorman, Pontchartrain Levee District  
Keith Guidry, South Lafourche Levee District  
John Helmers, Plaquemines Parish Government  
Donald Ray Henry, Lafourche Basin Levee District  
Cory Kief, North Lafourche Levee District  
Scott Kirkpatrick, Pelican State Partners  
Ed Knight, DOTD  
Robyn Krieger, Representative Steve Scalise's Office  
Suzanne Krieger, St. Tammany Levee District  
Earl Landry, Chenier Plain Levee District  
Andrew Leon, RRABB  
Eric Matherne, Lafourche Basin Levee District  
Nicholas Matherne, South Lafourche Levee District  
Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District  
David Peterson, CPRA  
Luke Piontek, Roedel Parsons  
Dwight Poirrier, Pontchartrain Levee District  
Ronnie Robinson, Fifth Louisiana Levee District proxy  
Donald Sagrera, Teche-Vermilion Fresh Water District  
Blaine Sheets, Pontchartrain Levee District  
Amber White, ALBL  
Billy Williamson, DOTD