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“WITHOUT FLOOD CONTROL, NOTHING ELSE MATTERS”

MINUTES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING FEBRUARY 06, 2026

President Cory Kief called to order the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana’s (ALBL) Executive Committee Meeting at 10:00 a.m., Friday, February 6, 2026, at Drusilla Seafood Restaurant in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. There were seventeen (17) member agencies present which constituted a quorum.

Motion by Mr. Bourgeois, seconded by Mr. Waggoner to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting. Motion passed without opposition.

The Financial Report was given by Ms. Gorman who updated the budget from the last Executive Committee Meeting. The following balances formed the working capital of the ALBL: checking account \$190,250.27; savings \$70,829.69; Litigation Savings Account \$15,910.66. Motion by Mr. Keahey, seconded by Mr. Matherne to accept the financial statement. Motion passed without opposition.

Ms. White stated that the draft program for the upcoming ALBL Annual Workshop May 7-8, 2026 at the Crowne Plaza in Baton Rouge is in everyone’s packet. She asked for topics to be presented, the following were suggested: NEPA reform and streamlining (Permitting Council); Update on Waters of the United States (Attorney General’s Office and CPRA); Roles and Responsibilities of Commissioners (Attorney General’s Office).

Ms. White advised that DOTD is responsible for the legal session and if anyone has any topics, please reach out. She also asked if there were any memorial resolutions that need to be presenting at the Workshop, please email her.

Mr. Kirkpatrick gave the Legislative Committee Report and stated that session starts March 9 and ends June 1. It will be a regular session and not fiscal. The pre-file deadline is February 27. Something to watch for is CURRENT funding that may be discussed during the session. He also advised that the \$300M for surplus funding should be watched as it could possibly go to coastal projects. He will schedule meetings with the legislative committee and keep everyone informed of updates. Mr. Kief suggested having the calls on Friday mornings.

There was discussion about supporting levee districts in their quest to receive capital outlay money. The Association cannot support one district’s submission however Mr. Bourgeois will create a spreadsheet and every district can report their requests. All member requests will be combined sent as one document to support requests of all members.

Mr. Glenn Ledet spoke about the status of CURRENT and stated that all the remaining nominations letters should be sent out today or early next week with the first board meeting being held in March. He advised that \$1 Million was transferred from C&E to DOTD to fund the board. The first objective will be to proceed with an annual plan that will outline the scope of the master plan and efforts. He went over the makeup of the 16 members on the board with himself as the Chairman. The hope during the session will be to clean up some minor wording and add a seat for CPRA. Mr. Kief advised that ALBL is willing to support CURRENT in future funding efforts.

Mr. Kief reminded everyone that the ALBL Annual Meeting will be moved to the Westin Hotel and held with a more condensed group. The dates are December 2-3, 2026. As a matter of clarification as some members asked after the meeting, the following will be invited (no spouses): President OR their designee from each agency (25); Executive Director or their designee from each member agency (25); USACE NOLA District; USACE Vicksburg District; USACE MVD/MRC, 2 from DOTD, 2 from CPRA and 2 from CURRENT Board. ALBL will not limit the persons from the USACE districts as they are also in town for the MVFCA and they usually travel lightly anyway.

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After discussion, Motion by Mr. Bourgeois, seconded by Mr. Keahey to continue the December 2026 Annual Meeting structure into the December 2027 Annual Meeting in order to secure hotel availability and to be able to assess if reverting back to a bigger group is needed. Motion passed without opposition.

During the ALBL Member spotlight, Mr. Sawyer gave an overview of Amite River Basin Commission and Mr. Furlong gave an overview of the Caddo Levee District.

During the Associate Member spotlight, Ms. Buranzon with APTIM and Mr. Gillen with Neel-Schaffer both gave an overview on what his company has to offer to the Association members.

There was no Old Business.

There was no New Business.

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

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held at the upcoming Workshop in May.

Attendees:

Brad Barth, CPRA
Curt Boniol, DOTD
Dwayne Bourgeois, North Lafourche Levee District
Michael Brocato, St. Mary Levee District
Kimberly Buck, Plaquemines Parish Government
Nicole Buranzon-Odell, APTIM
Roy Carubba, Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – East
Ryan Foster, Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – East
Patrick Furlong, Caddo Levee District
Dain Gillen, Neel-Schaffer, Inc.
Monica Gorman, Pontchartrain Levee District
Keith Guidry, South Lafourche Levee District
Michael Hare, CPRA
Spencer Harvey, Atchafalaya Basin Levee District
Donald Ray Henry, Lafourche Basin Conservation Levee & Drainage District
Justin Holloway, Tensas Basin Levee District
Devan Jordan, Bossier Levee District
Drew Keahey, proxy for Fifth Louisiana Levee District
Cory Kief, North Lafourche Levee District
Scott Kirkpatrick, K2 Advocacy
Edward Knight, DOTD
Glenn Ledet, DOTD
Nicholas Matherne, South Lafourche Levee District
Jesse Noel, Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West
Dwight Poirrier, Pontchartrain Levee District
Ronnie Robinson, Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West
Donald Sagraera, Teche Vermilion Fresh Water District
Paul Sawyer, Amite Basin Commission
Tommy Thibodeaux, Atchafalaya Basin Levee District
Brandon Waggoner, Tensas Basin Levee District
Amber White, ALBL
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