

LOUISIANA RECOVERY AUTHORITY

Board of Directors Meeting

Louisiana State Capitol
House Committee Room 1
Baton Rouge, LA
Thursday, February 26, 2009

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. David Voelker, chairman of the Louisiana Recovery Authority (LRA), called the meeting to order at 9:24 a.m. at the Louisiana State Capitol in House Committee Room 1 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. *(Note: Notices to the public and news media of the time and place of the meeting were given in compliance with the Louisiana Open Meetings Law.)*

II. PRAYER

A moment of silence was observed.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Walter Leger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. ROLL CALL

Ms. Fay Ayers called the roll.

Board Members Present:

Mr. David Voelker, Chairman

Mr. Rene Cross

Mr. Tom Henning

Mr. Ray Lasseigne

Mr. Walter Leger, Jr.

Mr. John E. Smith

Representative Jeff Arnold, designee for Speaker Jim Tucker

Senator Reggie Dupre, designee for Senator Joel Chaisson, II

Senator Edwin Murray, designee for Senator Sharon Weston Broome

Board Members Absent:

Mr. Jas Gill

Mr. Andy Guinn

Ms. Pat LeBlanc

Mr. Roy O. Martin, III

Mr. Chet Morrison

Mr. Sean Reilly

Staff Members Present:

Ms. Fay Ayers

Ms. Lynn Bankston

Ms. Krystle Beauchamp

Mr. Dave Bowman

Mr. J.C. Ceaser

Ms. Kimberly Durow

Ms. JoAnn Early

Ms. Alexandra Evans

Ms. Kim Jupiter

Ms. Robin Keegan

Ms. Janis Lovett

Mr. Darin Mann

Mr. Paul Rainwater

Ms. Marisa Robertson

Ms. Christina Stephens

Mr. Eric D. Shaw

Ms. Amanda Guma
Ms. Sandra Gunner
Mr. Wil Jacobs

Mr. Kris Van Orsdel
Ms. Angela Vanveckhoven
Ms. Alesia Wilkins-Braxton

Staff members present from the Office of Community Development (OCD) Disaster Recovery Unit (DRU) were Mr. Charles Flanagan, Mr. Don Hutchinson, Mr. Dan Rees, Mr. Brad Sweazy and Mr. Neal Underwood.

V. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Chairman of the Board Report

Mr. David Voelker said there was no Chairman's report. He called on Mr. Paul Rainwater for the Executive Director's report.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Paul Rainwater, Executive Director of the LRA, stated that he had just returned from Washington, D.C. where he testified before the U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management. He also briefed the Louisiana congressional delegation on the status of the recovery efforts. While there, Congressman Joseph Cao expressed his concern that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) had lost its focus, and asked for an investigation.

The governor has asked that Mr. Rainwater manage the economic stimulus package that will be coming to Louisiana; however, he will not take a leadership role. An arbitration panel will be set up to look at the recovery from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and to expedite the Public Assistance (PA) in Louisiana. There are presently 4,000 Project Worksheets (PWs) in dispute. At a meeting in Washington, D.C. yesterday, FEMA declared that only 35 projects had been appealed. A summit is being arranged by U.S. Senator Mary Landrieu with governors from four states to work on recovery language for the stimulus bill. Some members of the Transportation Committee feel the current language is arbitrary and may not be legal. There are other provisions in the stimulus bill for agriculture, and 10 percent of \$4.6 billion is included for flood protection. There is also a housing provision to enable public housing agencies to address the backlog in housing needs. The LRA is working with the Louisiana Housing Finance Authority (LHFA) on a memorandum of understanding for them to handle the housing efforts.

Mr. Rainwater commented that he had met with the Chiefs of Staff for the new U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano and the new U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Shaun Donovan. They are interested in our input, and they understand that recovery issues remain.

There are over 16,000 people enrolled in the Disaster Housing Assistance Program (DHAP). In addition, housing vouchers are available from HUD for those families earning up to 50 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI). About 3,000 people will not be eligible for the vouchers, and we are asking for a six-month extension to the DHAP to allow for additional affordable housing capacity to come online. FEMA created the National Disaster Housing

Strategy, where all partners are supposed to get together to work through issues; however, this is in name only. FEMA is still making the decisions. Staff has pushed back for coordination efforts to create recovery programs that actually address the needs. The LRA Board will have to take a position on this in the near future.

Mr. Rainwater presented statistics on Individual Assistance (IA) claims for Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. Debris removal is almost complete, with the removal of 10 million cubic yards of debris. The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) is in the process of reimbursing the parishes for this effort. Almost 9,000 households sustained damages greater than \$10,000 based on FEMA IA damage inspections. The temporary housing and shelter assistance needs to continue for another six months.

So far, \$3.76 billion has been paid out for PA for Hurricane Katrina, and \$400 million has been paid out for PA for Hurricane Rita. The turnaround time for PA express payments is down to an average of four days, and audits continue to be conducted on the back side. There are a total of over 21,000 projects from four hurricanes that have requested PA.

There have been over 122,000 closings in the Road Home program, which has put \$779 million into the hands of the citizens of Louisiana. There are 568 ICF appeals remaining, in addition to 899 applications that are in the state appeals process. Of the applicants who appealed, 35 percent received additional funds while only four percent got a reduction in their award. The state appeals process is taking approximately 75 days.

There has been a disbursement of \$717 million in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) elevation program to over 24,000 applicants since the start of this program. The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) elevation program did not start until October, 2008, and only three payments have been made so far. We had to change the requirements of this program in order to get the funds out to the people so they could elevate. Additional staff is being added and a call center is being set up, so the HMGP awards should increase over the next month.

The Louisiana Land Trust (LLT) is working with the parishes to identify properties for demolition, and the demolition management company has been hired. The New Orleans Redevelopment Authority (NORA) has 37 properties ready for transfer. The St. Tammany Parish documents are being revised by the Office of Community Development (OCD). Cooperative endeavor agreements (CEAs) have been signed by St. Bernard, Jefferson, Terrebonne and Cameron parishes. The Board will vote on the Calcasieu Parish disposition plan today. We had requested some leniency from HUD with regard to the environmental assessments of the properties; however, this request was denied.

On January 23, 2009, HUD approved the state's request to bring more Road Home applicants into the Sold Home program. This will impact an additional 832 applicants, and the first round of this program is being processed now.

There are 5,866 active awardees in the Small Rental program. We are working on affordability issues to get "mom and pop" rentals back online. The challenge is that the applicants do not have the funds to complete the repairs, but we are making progress and are working on direct funding, which would include no interest, forgivable loans. We need to be careful not to flood the market.

The low-income housing tax credit Piggyback program has awarded \$596 million to 57 projects, providing 8,185 units. This will make a huge difference for people who are in need of housing. Four grand openings are scheduled for March, 2009. It is anticipated that 1,800 units will be online by June, 2009, and the total will be 3,200 by December, 2009.

The Alternative Housing Pilot Program is making progress in New Orleans, where 287 sites have been identified. Construction is scheduled to begin in April, 2009. In Baton Rouge, 25 slabs have been poured, and construction will be complete on 42 units by July 2009. An additional 82 sites have been identified in Lake Charles, and construction is scheduled to begin there in April, 2009.

Mr. Rainwater informed the members that the LRA had hired Mr. Don Hutchinson to manage the ICF transition. Mr. Hutchinson has great credentials and is managing the transition team through the request for proposal (RFP) process, where no ethics violations will be tolerated. The original RFP was bottlenecked, so the RFP was broken into five different proposals so they can be managed separately. Benchmarks are included in each RFP. Mr. Rainwater contacted the contractors who were not selected. We tried to hire local vendors; however, we have to work within the state and federal regulations. The selection process was handled fairly, and he offered to review the scores and process with anyone who may be interested.

Mr. Rainwater concluded his presentation by saying how proud he was of staff as they worked through three transitions in the past month. We have made lots of progress.

Senator Ed Murray asked if the ICF transition expenditures required approval by the LRA Board of Directors.

Mr. Rainwater explained that the attorneys had informed him that Board approval was not necessary.

Senator Murray said expenditures over \$10 million require approval of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCOB) followed by a mail ballot of the full legislature.

Mr. Rainwater noted that only Action Plans and Action Plan Amendments required the approval of the JLCOB.

Senator Murray referred to the RFP process, and expressed his desire that we hire local contractors and keep the funds in our community. He asked to see the score sheets for the ICF transition selection.

Mr. Rainwater commented that HGI is headquartered in Lusher, Louisiana, and CGI Technology and Solutions has a local office, but its headquarters are located in Montreal, Canada. CGI has committed to using local employees and to hire local vendors to deliver services under their contract. All work will take place in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Senator Murray stated that ICF worked in Louisiana, but all the profits went to Virginia. He expressed his concern about this happening again, and this time the funds will go to another country. There must be someone in the United States who could perform this service.

Mr. Rainwater said he agreed, but everything was reviewed with our attorneys to ensure the contracts were done correctly.

Senator Murray asked about the Sold Home program, and whether those applicants who are now eligible would be notified by letter.

Mr. Rainwater explained that the eligibility date was pushed back to August 29, 2007, for those who sold their homes. Those who are eligible will be sent a letter.

Senator Murray expressed his appreciation for the outstanding appeal statistics. He requested that he get this information prior to the Board meetings, and he asked for the locations of the homes that are still in appeals.

Mr. Rainwater agreed to provide the remaining appeals locations to Senator Murray.

Senator Murray commented that the appeals number seemed to be low. He asked if there was still dispute resolution. He continues to receive numerous constituent calls, and they are still waiting for a final decision.

Mr. Rainwater noted that there is no longer a step for dispute resolution. There are approximately 2,000 people in appeals, and 2,000 applicants that are waiting to close. There are an additional 2,500 applicants that did not prove their eligibility, and we are working on getting these files cleared. As part of the transition, we will look at the files for those who were not given the opportunity to appeal. There is a link for this on the LRA website, and Mr. Ty Larkins will be handling this issue.

Senator Murray asked about the CEA between LLT and NORA for the transfer of properties.

Mr. Rainwater pointed out that the CEA was missing one signature. We are two weeks away from transferring properties to NORA. Other parishes have asked LLT to sell the properties for them. There is a two year timeline for the LLT.

Senator Murray asked if the economic stimulus package had any strings attached to the funds allocated to Louisiana, and whether the governor was planning on rejecting any of the funds.

Mr. Rainwater said he had looked at the stimulus funds from a budget perspective and sustainability. He said he thought the governor would accept all funds that are allocated.

Senator Murray inquired if there was a list of projects that would receive the stimulus money and whether the projects would have to be approved by the LRA Board of Directors or the JLCOB. He also asked about the timeline for the projects.

Mr. Rainwater explained that the projects would go before the JLCOB, but approval by the LRA Board of Directors was not necessary. There is a different timeline for each pot of money, and each agency has deadlines and certifications that are required. He agreed to send the timelines to Senator Murray.

Senator Murray asked about the status of the new teaching hospital in New Orleans.

Mr. Rainwater remarked that Homeland Security and HUD secretaries would be coming to New Orleans in early March, 2009. He had spoken to their Chiefs of Staff and they understand that this is a major issue for us. The secretaries will take a tour of the area and look at some of the recovery projects; FEMA will be under scrutiny. Mr. Rainwater and Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals Secretary Alan Levine spoke with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) about the hospital, and they are committed to resolving this issue within the next 90 days. The VA has briefed their new secretary, Mr. Eric Shinseki on the situation and they are moving forward.

Senator Reggie Dupre asked about the appeal to the use of the Digital Flood Insurance Rating Map (DFIRM). The mayor of Grand Isle was told he could not build a gym. He asked how you rebuild a community if you cannot provide services.

Mr. Rainwater pointed out that a joint committee was established with members from the LRA and the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority to review the DFIRM issue. He spoke with FEMA about our opposition to these maps; however, FEMA is not giving Louisiana any flexibility. We also expressed our opposition to the timeframe for the DFIRMs. There is presently \$258 million in projects that are being de-obligated due to these maps.

Senator Dupre asked if the LRA had looked into hiring a firm to intervene as discussed at the last LRA Board of Directors meeting.

Mr. Rainwater explained that the state does not have standing on this issue because this is done on the parish level. We are working with the Governor's Office of Coastal Activities on funding an independent LSU study, and we are working with the parishes as an advocate.

Senator Dupre asked about the CDBG funding for recovery from Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. The last estimate was \$800 million for Louisiana, and he wondered if there was a firm number.

Mr. Rainwater stated that HUD was still working through the second allocation, which is expected at the end of February, 2009.

Senator Dupre mentioned that the Corps of Engineers had only submitted projects that had been done previously, so that locks Terrebonne Parish out of levee funding. A federal alignment study drew an arbitrary line on a map that will prohibit them from building levees to protect the citizens. He added that he would sign in blood that Terrebonne Parish would not seek federal funds if they could just build a levee.

Mr. Rainwater said HUD was interested in this project. It would be the first time that CDBG funds would be used for coastal protection and levees, so we have to be careful as we proceed.

Senator Murray asked for a breakdown by category of the CDBG funds allocated, spent and remaining.

Mr. Rainwater pointed out that this information was behind Tab 4 in Senator Murray's binder.

Mr. Walter Leger asked when the decision would be made as to which projects get funded with the stimulus money.

Mr. Rainwater said that we are in the process of negotiating with Congress. The president will determine how the language is written in the bill. Presently, we have been given a 30 day path forward. There is an aggressive timeline and we will work through the issues.

Mr. Leger mentioned that his top priority is full funding from FEMA for the new Charity Hospital. There is a big difference between being fully funded and the \$129 million that FEMA is presently offering. FEMA has been in existence since the 1970s, but they have managed to get only one-third of the funding allocations out to the citizens.

Mr. Leger asked about hazard mitigation reimbursements, and whether we have sufficient funds.

Mr. Rainwater explained that there are two pieces to the mitigation reimbursements. It is not necessary to be a Road Home applicant. We have sufficient funding; however, the program is still being developed as to what will be covered.

VI. UPDATES/PRESENTATIONS

Mr. David Voelker called on Ms. Robin Keegan to present the Affordable Housing Market Study presentation. Also present with Ms. Keegan was Ms. Brenda Evans, Housing Program Administrator from the Louisiana Housing Finance Authority (LHFA).

Affordable Housing Market Study

Ms. Robin Keegan informed the members that the Housing Market Study had not been commissioned; however, we realize the necessity to analyze the housing needs, especially in the New Orleans area. We did look at the Piggyback and Small Rental programs to determine the market demand. The LRA and the LHFA are partners in developing housing for the state; however, the LHFA is responsible for the long term housing needs. Damage to the rental housing stock increased with Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. New Orleans lost 44,000 housing units in the metropolitan area alone. HUD has provided funding to bring one-third of the housing units back into service, and homeownership financing programs are also being developed. Additional CDBG funds were added and significant changes were made for a direct loan program to provide financing on the front end of the Small Rental program. The housing programs were designed to bring back mixed income units, as well as market rate and affordable rental units, as directed by the LRA Board of Directors.

Ms. Keegan noted that 31 Piggyback projects are being developed in New Orleans. There are four projects that will have ribbon cuttings in March, 2009. The Greater New Orleans Community Data Center has been gathering population data through the census, and most recently through the U.S. Postal Service. The City of New Orleans gained 3,000 residents in the last six months of 2008. The rest of the country is going through an economic crisis, but Louisiana has job growth and a low unemployment rate because of construction.

The market for single family dwellings has slowed and prices are declining. We are trying to incentivize people to purchase homes with creative financing options. The fair market rents in the New Orleans metropolitan area are 50 percent higher than before Hurricane Katrina, but the rates are starting to decline. We expect further declines over the next six months. Many rents are presently too high to be affordable.

Ms. Keegan presented statistics on the need for affordable housing by the Area Median Income (AMI) for five parishes. There are 40,000 people in need of affordable housing. Section 8s and transition program vouchers provided by HUD are allowing some people to go to the permanent voucher system. The homeless population in Orleans and Jefferson parishes is estimated to be 12,000.

No agency has the same figures. The LHFA shows a gap of almost 10,000 units in the 90 percent AMI, while HUD data shows 75,000 renters are in need of affordable housing. Over 14,000 people in New Orleans will receive Disaster Housing Assistance Program transitional assistance for six months. It is important that additional units come on line over the next year.

We looked at other housing studies to determine upcoming and existing market demand; however, most of the data is up to three years old. The New Orleans Master Plan process is also developing a market housing analysis for the next 20-year timeframe. HUD issued a report on housing conditions after Hurricane Katrina that calls for a housing study, but it has not been funded.

Ms. Brenda Evans remarked that it is mandated that each low-income housing tax credit area have a market study that includes an analysis of where the projects are, the subsidies involved and the impact to the community. The LHFA retains the right to do this, based on demand, vacancies, and the impact of the project on the area. The LHFA is working on its Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) for 2009, and they want to ensure that the funds are allocated to where it is most needed and where it will do the most good. Their housing needs assessment is expected to be complete by the end of March, 2009, and will include both rentals and owners.

Ms. Keegan stated that challenges remain in the development of affordable housing units, and she asked for direction from the Board of Directors as to the next step. We wanted to see what was already available and determine what elements should be included in the housing analysis. We will continue to implement housing programs to bring back mixed income housing units.

Senator Ed Murray asked for a copy of Ms. Keegan's presentation. He asked if there were additional changes being made to the Small Rental program, and whether those changes would be presented to the Board for approval.

Ms. Keegan said changes to the housing programs would come before the Board of Directors.

Senator Murray asked if supportive services for housing had started.

Ms. Keegan pointed out that 3,000 housing vouchers had been received from HUD, and 1,600 of those would go to New Orleans.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

Preliminary Approval of Gustav/Ike Action Plan Amendment No. 1

Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) Commissioner Mike Strain testified that money needs to get into the hands of the farmers. Farmers planted seed but cannot access funds to fertilize the seed, and may end up losing everything. The Gustav/Ike Action Plan Amendment contains an Agriculture Loan and Grant program that will provide immediate funds to the farmers so they can move forward. The program will be administered by the LDAF, and will provide loans at 1-1/2 percent interest with payback over five to ten years.

Commissioner Strain explained that the stimulus package contains funds for a transitional program from disaster assistance. The Supplemental Revenue Assistance (SURE) program under the Farm Bill will not provide funds until the fall of 2009, which is too late. Presently, there is \$752 million available to all farmers and ranchers across the entire United States, and payments will be made in accordance with federal rules and regulations. There are some direct assistance payments available; however, the farmers had to buy in to the program in order to be eligible. The farmers will also have to have crop insurance as they move forward, so some farmers will not be able to participate. The Agriculture Loan and Grant program is crop and area specific, and will go a long way towards providing immediate assistance to the farmers. We need to move the agricultural economy forward.

Ms. Robin Keegan stated that the resolution would be presented later in the meeting to the Board for action. The next step is public comment and then the amendment will go to the JLCOB for approval.

Mr. Walter Leger asked if there was a separate loan program in the stimulus package.

Commissioner Strain noted that the stimulus package has \$450 million for all of the United States, set aside as a guarantee to private banks for loans to the farmers. These funds will not be available until next year, and the farmers have nothing left except for billions in losses. The farmers are going bankrupt and they are not replanting.

Mr. Kris Van Orsdel, LRA Infrastructure Policy Director, commented that there are two subprograms: one is an 80/20 loan program, and the second is an agri-business program. Both programs are to ensure that the CDBG efforts are not in conflict with the U.S. Department of Agriculture program. The SURE program has not been typically accessible to Louisiana. We need to ensure that there is no duplication of efforts. The funds in the Gustav/Ike Action Plan Amendment No. 1 are for both programs.

Action on the Gustav/Ike Action Plan Amendment occurred later in the meeting.

Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the Preceding Meeting

Senator Ed Murray offered a motion to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2008, LRA Board meeting. There being no comments or corrections, upon motion duly made and seconded by Mr. Walter Leger, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Approval of the Minutes and Ratification of Actions Taken at the December 17, 2008, Meeting of the LRA Board.

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting of the LRA Board held on December 17, 2008, as presented at this meeting, are hereby approved and all actions taken by the Board presented at such meeting, as set forth in such minutes, are hereby in all respects approved as actions of the LRA Board.

Voting: Arnold, Cross, Dupre, Henning, Lasseigne, Leger, Murray, Smith and Voelker.

Presentation of the Calcasieu Parish Road Home Property Disposition Plan

Ms. Claire Thompson, Senior Grants Planner for Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, presented the Calcasieu Parish property disposition resolution. Ms. Thompson said there are 85 properties in Calcasieu that are scattered throughout the Parish. These properties provide an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for nonprofit agencies.

Ms. Thompson noted that the plan included the Lot Next Door program and an auction/sale program. The three properties that are considered to be a repetitive loss will be converted to green space. They are targeting the 46 percent of the population that is low-to-moderate income for the properties.

Mr. Leger asked how many of those people are renters.

Ms. Thompson said only 17 percent of the low-to-moderate income group are renters.

Mr. Tom Henning offered a motion to give final approval to the resolution for the Calcasieu Parish Property Disposition Plan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Walter Leger.

Final Approval of the Calcasieu Parish Property Disposition Plan Resolution.

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby accepts and approves the Calcasieu Parish Property Disposition Plan resolution.

Voting: Arnold, Cross, Dupre, Henning, Lasseigne, Leger, Murray, Smith and Voelker.

Preliminary Approval of Gustav/Ike Action Plan Amendment No. 1 (continued)

Ms. Robin Keegan stated that the Gustav/Ike Action Plan Amendment No. 1 will go to public comment after the Board's preliminary approval today. The plan will then come back to the Board for final approval at the March 18, 2009 Board of Directors meeting, and to the JLCOB on March 20, for its approval.

The allocations to the parishes and the programs are the same as in the original Gustav/Ike Action Plan. The amendment provides clarification on the Piggyback and Small Rental programs as well as for the affordable rentals. HUD requires that 10.6 percent of the parish funding go towards housing. Additional funding will be allocated to those parishes that were most impacted by Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. The coastal restoration portion of the funding will be managed by the Coastal Restoration and Protection Authority in the governor's office, in conjunction with the parishes.

There is an issue in the northern parishes with waterways that flood. Also, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries will have two programs: one for recreational fishing and infrastructure expansion, and one to repair equipment and upgrade equipment.

Seventy percent of the funds will go to 43 parishes in the first allocation for housing, infrastructure, economic recovery and revitalization programs. The LRA will be working with the parishes over the next few weeks, and grant agreements should be in place by mid-March for the parishes that were most heavily impacted.

Senator Dupre asked the best way for a parish to take their allocation and add a local match to supplement the funds.

Ms. Keegan explained that the best way would be to reduce the parish allocation by a certain amount and dedicate that to the affordable housing pool. The cooperative endeavor agreement and the grant agreement will outline how the funds will be spent.

Senator Reggie Dupre offered a motion to give preliminary approval to the Gustav/Ike Action Plan Amendment No. 1, which outlines the distribution of the recovery funds and defines the eligible program activities, and to authorize the publication of the Gustav/Ike Action Plan Amendment No. 1 for public comments. The motion was seconded by Mr. John Smith.

Preliminary Approval of the Gustav/Ike Action Plan Amendment No. 1, Which Outlines the Distribution of Recovery Funds and Defines Eligible Program Activities, and to Authorize the Publication of the Gustav/Ike Action Plan Amendment No. 1 for Public Comments.

RESOLVED, that the Board provides final approval of the Gustav/Ike Action Plan Amendment No. 1, which outlines the distribution of recovery funds and defines eligible program activities, and to authorize the publication of the Gustav/Ike Action Plan Amendment No. 1 for public comments.

Voting: Arnold, Cross, Dupre, Henning, Lasseigne, Leger, Murray, Smith and Voelker.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Rainwater
Executive Director

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Date approved: _____